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# San Francisco Commission of Animal Control & Welfare

## MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, January 10, 2008
5:30 PM

Room 408
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Laurie Kennedy-Routhier, Mara Weiss DVM, Christine Garcia, Andrea Brooks, Sally Stephens
Philip Gerrie, Pam Hemphill, Vicky Guldbech, William Herndon, Bob Palacio

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COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON: Laurie Kennedy-Routhier

*(Note: Public comment will be taken on each discussion/action item.)*

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

2. **Public Comment**
   - Members of the public may address the Commission with comments or recommendations on items within the Commission's jurisdiction *other than the items on the agenda* at the beginning or end of the meeting, but not both.

3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the November 8, 2007 Meeting**
   [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**
   [Discussion Item]

5. **Committee Reports/Commissioner's Reports**
   [Discussion Item]

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   A) Review of the deadly tiger attack at the SF Zoo on Christmas
   [Commissioner Gerrie]

   B) Report regarding an electrical fire that destroyed the home and took the lives of several animals of Rocket Dog Rescue founder Pali Boucher, and update regarding opportunities to provide assistance and to donate to the Rocket Dog Rescue Fire Emergency Fund.
   [Commissioner Routhier]

6. **Status and tracking of letters of recommendation approved by the Commission, requesting action by the Board of Supervisors**
[Discussion Item/Action]
Items are first introduced to the Commission then there is public comment. After public comment, the Commission discusses the item and then may vote on it.

A) Update regarding the status of the Commission's recommendation that the City pass a resolution that condemns the confinement of egg-laying hens in tiny, wire battery cages, and further encourages SF egg consumers not to purchase eggs produced by caged hens.

B) Update regarding the status of the Commission's recommendation to pass a policy whereby SF city departments, city concessions, and city-funded events procure eggs produced only from cage-free hens.

C) Update regarding the status of the Commission's recommendation that a permit process for professional dog walkers be established.

7. **Old Business**
[Discussion/Action Item]
- Items are first introduced to the Commission then there is public comment. After public comment, the Commission discusses the item and then may vote on it.

A) Discussion and possible action to recommend a management system and provisions that would protect wildlife caught behind the electric fences enclosing goats being used to control vegetation growth on lands under the jurisdiction of the city.
[Commissioner Routhier]

8. **New Business**
[Discussion/Action Item]
- Items are first introduced to the Commission and a motion is made, then there is public comment. After public comment, the Commission discusses the item and then may vote on it.

A) Commission officer elections:
  - Chair
  - Vice Chair
  - Secretary

B) Discussion regarding potential action the commission may take to address 4th of July fireworks, which reportedly cause nesting birds to abandoned their nests and young.
[Commissioner Hemphill]

C) Discussion of the slaughter of non-native deer at Point Reyes and consideration of a resolution recommendation that would condemn the practice and encourage the National Park Service and other jurisdictions to adopt non-lethal means of controlling non-native populations and to consider killing large numbers of animals only as a last resort, undertaken only when all other reasonable means of population control have been given a chance and failed.
[Commissioner Stephens]

D) Discussion and possible action to recommend a resolution in support of the ballot initiative that would put a measure on the November 2008 ballot requiring that egg-laying hens, calves used for veal, and pigs used for breeding be given enough room to turn around and extend their limbs. This resolution would take the place of the formally voted on recommendation to pass a policy whereby SF city departments, city concessions, and city-funded events procure eggs produced only from cage-free hens. [Commissioner Routhier]

## 9. Public Comment

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## 10. Calendar Items

## 11. Closing Review of Task Allotment and Next Steps

[Review Item]

## 12. Adjournment

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# San Francisco Commission of Animal Control & Welfare

## MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, February 14, 2008
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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

2. **Public Comment**
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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the September 13, 2007 Meeting**
   [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**
   [Discussion Item]

   A) Update on killing of feral deer at Point Reyes.

5. **Committee Reports/Commissioner's Reports**
   [Discussion Item]

   A) Update on the status of the Commission's recommendation that a permit process for professional dog walkers be established, and update on status of timed use amendment to Recreation and Park Department's dog policy that would allow off-leash dogs in parks during specific hours (e.g., before 9 am and/or after 5 pm). [Commissioner Palacio]

B) Update on status of Helping Hands for Animals Initiative that would invite volunteer attorneys to prosecute cases of animal cruelty under the direction of the SF District Attorney.
[Commissioner Garcia]

C) Update on approaches to stop illegal fireworks on the 4th of July from disturbing nesting birds in four parks in San Francisco, especially Stow Lake, Lake Merced, Heron's Head Park, and Agua Vista Park.
[Commissioner Hemphill]

6. **Status and tracking of letters of recommendation approved by the Commission, requesting action by the Board of Supervisors**
[Discussion Item/Action]
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A) Update on the status of the Commission's recommendation that the Board of Supervisors pass a resolution in support of the ballot initiative that would put a measure on the November 2008 ballot requiring that egg-laying hens, calves used for veal, and pigs used for breeding be given enough room to turn around and extend their limbs.
[Commissioner Gerrie]

7. **Old Business**
[Discussion/Action Item]
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8. **New Business**
[Discussion/Action Item]
- Items are first introduced to the Commission and a motion is made, then there is public comment. After public comment, the Commission discusses the item and then may vote on it.

A) Discussion of animal welfare issues at the San Francisco Zoo, including concerns about the conditions under which animals are being kept, and what is in the best interest of the Zoo's animals. Speakers representing the Zoo, groups in support of the Zoo, and groups critical of the Zoo will be invited to speak. [Discussion only]
[Commissioners Garcia and Gerrie]

B) Discussion and possible action to create a SF Zoo Subcommittee of the Commission to investigate concerns raised about the welfare of animals at the Zoo. The Subcommittee will present any findings to the Commission for possible recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. [Discussion/Action Item]
[Commissioners Garcia and Gerrie]

C) Discussion about coyotes in San Francisco and what can be done to ensure that animals and people are safe during the 2008 coyote-breeding season to avoid a repeat of last year's shooting of two coyotes in Golden Gate Park. [Discussion only]
[Commissioner Hemphill]

D) Discussion about what the City and homeowners can do to protect nesting birds from tree and brush pruning during nesting season (mid-February to mid-July or August). [Discussion only]
[Commissioner Hemphill]

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[Review Item]

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# SAN FRANCISCO COMMISSION OF ANIMAL CONTROL & WELFARE

## SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Friday, February 29, 2008
5:30 PM

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

2. **San Francisco Zoo**
   Discussion of animal welfare issues at the San Francisco Zoo, including concerns about the conditions under which animals are being kept, what is in the best interest of the Zoo's animals, and the kind of zoo San Franciscans want. Discussion will seek solutions/alternatives to address concerns. Speakers representing the Zoo, groups in support of the Zoo, and groups critical of the Zoo will be invited to speak. (Discussion Only)

3. **Adjournment**

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# SAN FRANCISCO COMMISSION OF ANIMAL CONTROL & WELFARE

## MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, April 10, 2008
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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

2. **Public Comment**
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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the February 29, 2008 and the March 13, 2008 Meetings**
   [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**
   [Discussion Item]

5. **Committee Reports/Commissioner's Reports**
   [Discussion Item]

6. **Status and tracking of letters of recommendation approved by the Commission, requesting action by the Board of Supervisors**
   [Discussion Item/Action]
   Items are first introduced to the Commission then there is public comment. After public comment, the Commission discusses the item and then may vote on it.

A) Update on the status of the letter sent by the Commission to the Board of Supervisors urging them to hold hearings about animal welfare issues at the San Francisco Zoo.
[Commissioner Brooks]

## 7. Old Business

[Discussion/Action Item]

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## 8. New Business

[Discussion/Action Item]

- Items are first introduced to the Commission and a motion is made, then there is public comment. After public comment, the Commission discusses the item and then may vote on it.

A) Discussion and possible action to support (with a letter) a proposal from the PUC to found a wildlife care facility (birds and mammals) and nature education center at the John Muir Drive site on Lake Merced currently occupied by the Pacific Rod and Gun Club. San Francisco presently sends birds to the Peninsula Humane Society in San Mateo for care, often involving delays in transit. Delays can affect chances of survival. Mammal care is presently limited to home care (under SF ROMP license) due to lack of a facility. A wildlife center in SF would provide care to wildlife in a disaster. The John Muir Drive site (11 acres) would be shared with an Aquatic Center for boating and fishing.
[Commissioners Hemphill and Gerrie]

B) Discussion and possible action to contact city officials to investigate whether the Commission can get help covering the costs of Commission meetings (e.g., cost of audio tapes to record meetings, cost of making copies of agenda and minutes for public meetings) and personnel support (e.g., part-time Commission Secretary) to assist with Commission business.
[Commissioner Stephens]

## 9. Public Comment

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## 11. Closing Review of Task Allotment and Next Steps

[Review Item]

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

2. **New Business**
[Discussion/Action Item]
— Items are first introduced to the Commission and a motion is made, then there is public comment. After public comment, the Commission discusses the item and then may vote on it.

A) Discussion and possible action to gather information about the impact on animals, both domestic pets and wildlife, from the California Dept of Food and Agriculture's proposed program to eradicate the light-brown apple moth (LBAM), which includes spraying. The discussion will also focus on what pet guardians and others should and should not do to protect animals under their care in the event of spraying or the other components of the eradication program. Speakers will include Dr. Bob Dowell, Director of the LBAM Program at the California Dept. of Food and Agriculture, and opponents of the spraying. Possible actions include sending a letter to the Board of Supervisors that includes the information gathered during the meeting about the eradication program's impact on both domestic animals and wildlife and possible support for the Supervisors' position opposing spraying. [Commissioner Stephens]

3. **Public Comment**
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4. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the March 18, 2008 and the April 10, 2008 Meetings**
[Discussion/Action Item]

5. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**
[Discussion Item]

6. **Status and tracking of letters of recommendation approved by the Commission, requesting action by the Board of Supervisors**
[Discussion Item/Action]
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A) Update on the status of the letter sent by the Commission to the Board of Supervisors urging them to hold hearings about animal welfare issues at the San Francisco Zoo.
[Commissioner Brooks]

7. **New Business**
[Discussion/Action Item]
   - Items are first introduced to the Commission and a motion is made, then there is public comment. After public comment, the Commission discusses the item and then may vote on it.

A) Discussion and possible action to recommend that the Board of Supervisors enact a "Humanitarian Art Ordinance". The recent exhibit at the San Francisco Art Institute that showed video clips of animals being killed was disturbing because there is something inherently wrong with the production of media and/or art in which the director, producer, or artist is the direct cause of the death, abuse or suffering of an animal that is captured on media and/or art display. This ordinance will make the commission of the crime of Animal Abuse for the purposes of creating media and/or art to be illegal, punishable as a misdemeanor or felony. The location of production of the media and the commission of animal abuse is irrelevant. Any person responsible for displaying this media as "art" will also be guilty of a misdemeanor or felony.
[Commissioner Garcia]

8. **Public Comment**
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9. **Calendar Items for Future Agendas**

10. **Closing Review of Task Allotment and Next Steps**
[Review Item]

11. **Adjournment**

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# San Francisco Commission of Animal Control & Welfare

## MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, July 10, 2008
5:30 PM

Room 408
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
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2. **Public Comment**
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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the June 12, 2008 Meeting**
   [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**
   [Discussion Item]

5. **Committee Reports/Commissioner's Reports**
   [Discussion Item]

   A) Update on Rules Committee hearing to fill expiring appointments to the Commission.
   [Commissioner Routhier]

6. **Old Business**
   [Discussion/Action Item]
   Items are first introduced to the Commission then there is public comment. After public comment, the Commission discusses the item and then may vote on it.

   A) Discussion and possible action to recommend that the Board of Supervisors enact a "Humanitarian Art Ordinance" that would make it a crime to produce media in which legally-defined animal cruelty is committed during the making of the media. In this ordinance, any person responsible for displaying this media would also be

guilty of a crime. Continued discussion on whether to pursue this or not, and in what form.
[Commissioner Garcia]

## 8. Public Comment

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## 9. Calendar Items

## 10. Closing Review of Task Allotment and Next Steps

[Review Item]

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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the July 10, 2008 Meeting**
   [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**
   [Discussion Item]

5. **Status and tracking of letters of recommendation approved by the Commission, requesting action by the Board of Supervisors**
   [Discussion Item/Action]
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   [Commissioner Stephens]

6. **Old Business**
   [Discussion/Action Item]
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   A) Update on progress in identifying recommendations for changes in funding

guidelines at the Arts Commission to ensure City money is not used to create, produce, or display media in which animal cruelty is committed during the making of the media. This is an outgrowth of previous discussions about a possible Humanitarian Art Ordinance. [Discussion only]
[Commissioner Gerrie]

7. **New Business**
[Discussion/Action Item]
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A) Update on status of coyotes in San Francisco, including what Animal Care and Control is doing to minimize coyote-human interactions. [Discussion only]
[Commissioner Guldbech]

B) July 2008 meeting included a request by a Commissioner to calendar an agenda item on "no-kill" policies in San Francisco. "No kill" means that no healthy dog or cat is euthanized in a shelter. The Commissioner who requested the calendared item is no longer on the Commission. Discussion of whether another Commissioner wishes to take on the subject and possible approaches to the subject. [Discussion only]
[Calendared item from July 2008 meeting]

8. **Public Comment**
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[Review Item]

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Thursday, September 11, 2008
5:30 PM

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2. **General Public Comment**
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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the August 14, 2008 Meeting**
   [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Status and tracking of letters of recommendation approved by the Commission, requesting action by the Board of Supervisors**
   [Discussion Item/Action]

   A) Update on the status of the letter sent by the Commission to the Board of Supervisors urging them to hold hearings about animal welfare issues at the San Francisco Zoo.
   [Commissioners Brooks and Stephens]

5. **Old Business**
   [Discussion/Action Item]

   A) Discussion and possible action to send a letter to the Grants for the Arts/SF Hotel Tax Fund suggesting they take the San Francisco Art Institute's exhibit of videos showing animals being killed into account when considering future funding for the Institute.
   [Commissioner Gerrie]

## 6. New Business

[Discussion/Action Item]

A) Discussion and possible action to send a resolution to the Board of Supervisors recommending that they develop an ordinance banning the renting of pets in San Francisco. In the past couple of years, several companies have started for-profit businesses renting dogs to people who want to enjoy the companionship of pets for a short time but who cannot care for a pet full time. Flexpetz, in particular, plans to open a San Francisco location. Banning the renting of dogs and all pets (following the lead of Boston and the state of Massachusetts) would prevent this type of business from operating in San Francisco.
[Commissioner Brooks]

B) Discussion and possible action to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors and the Recreation and Park Department regarding the recent Outside Lands concert in Golden Gate Park and its impact on animals (wildlife), and the habitat in which they live. For the August 22nd to August 24th concert, a high wire fence that ran tightly to the ground was in place for approximately 10 days. The fence ran along Kennedy Drive, Transverse Drive, MLK and Chain of Lakes Drive, completely enclosing the South Chain of Lakes, the Polo Field, Speedway Meadows, Lindley Meadows and Little Speedway Meadows. Unlike in previous events, the music lasted until 10PM and the area was lighted all night, powered by noisy generators. During the 3 days, 140,000 people came inside this area. Inside the fence was part of the Chain of Lakes, some of the most important habitat in the park. Animals that forage for food could not go in or out of the area and vegetation was trampled. This event, again proposed for the future, needs evaluation.
[Commissioner Hemphill]

C) Discussion only of the Commission's approach to studying the issue of a "No-Kill" policy for San Francisco animal shelters, in which no adoptable animal (including those with problems that can be helped through medical or behavioral intervention) is euthanized. The public's input on potential speakers on the subject, different perspectives on the issue that should be considered, and other municipal policies that should be studied is desired.
[Commissioner Padilla]

## 7. General Public Comment

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# DRAFT OF LETTER FOR AGENDA ITEM 5A

To Kary Shulman,
Director of Grants for the Arts

Our Commission has held a hearing about the incident that took place at the SF Art Institute in March, 2008. It was concerning the video exhibit "Don't Trust Me" by the Paris-based artist Adel Abdessemed. This exhibit consisted of six television videos (images) of six different animals; a doe, a goat, a horse, an ox, a pig, and a sheep being bludgeoned to death with a large sledgehammer in order to be filmed as "art". These acts of violence to animals were sanctioned by the SF Art Institute. The SFAI even originally defended the exhibit defending it as art on the grounds that animals are killed in this way all the time.

Our Commission understands that GFTA gives a small percentage of SFAI's total operating budget, approximately $82,000 in fiscal 2007-2008. The money comes from the Hotel Tax Fund. The money can only be spent on general operating expenses for the institution. No money can be spent on individual shows, artists, nor exhibits. However to qualify for the GFTA funding there are several criteria to be considered. A few of the funding criteria include; "produce consistently high quality work", " serve a local constituency and demonstrate community support", and "attract visitors to SF through publicly advertised programs".

It is our view, that the SFAI, through the negative publicity and defensiveness around this exhibit falls short on these criteria. We doubt if anything will occur again along these lines, but we strongly wish to express our concern that the GFTA take this incident into consideration when choosing which institutions qualify for funding from you.

Thank you,
Commissioner Philip Gerrie
Commissioner Pam Hemphill

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   [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**
   [Discussion Item]

5. **Status and tracking of letters of recommendation approved by the Commission, requesting action by the Board of Supervisors**
   [Discussion Item]

   A) Update on the status of the letter sent by the Commission to the Board of Supervisors urging them to hold hearings about animal welfare issues at the San Francisco Zoo.
   [Commissioners Brooks]

6. **Unfinished Business**
   [Discussion/Action Item]

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Golden Gate Park and its impact on animals (wildlife), and the habitat in which they live. The letter suggests that the fences erected for the festival, the numbers of people at the festival, and the music and lighting at night had a negative impact on wildlife and plants in the park, and asks that the City and RPD consider wildlife when planning future events.
[Commissioner Hemphill]

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[Discussion Item]

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**DRAFT OF LETTER FOR AGENDA ITEM 6A (10/9/08 ACWC Meeting)**

**Draft Letter to Board of Supervisors and Park and Recreation Department About Outside Lands Festival and its Impact on Wildlife in Golden Gate Park**

The Animal Control and Welfare Commission held a hearing on September 11th, 2008 regarding the recent Outside Lands concert in Golden Gate Park and its impact on park wildlife and habitat. Public comment was heard. Summarizing that, we would like to express our concern about the lack of planning for this concert and the lack of consideration given to wildlife.

For the Outside Lands concert (August 22nd to August 24th, 2008), a large area of Golden Gate Park was fenced for more than 10 days. The tall wire fence ran tightly to the ground, preventing the passage of even a small animal. The fence ran along Kennedy Drive, Transverse Drive, Middle Drive West, MLK Drive and Chain of Lakes Drive, completely enclosing the South Chain of Lakes, the Polo Field, Speedway Meadows, Lindley Meadows and Little Speedway Meadows. Inside the fence was part of the Chain of Lakes, some of the most important habitat in the park for urban wildlife, including raccoons, skunks, coyotes, foxes, owls and other birds. See map below.

Unlike previous concerts in the park, the Outside Lands concert had music until 10 PM at night and the fenced area was lighted all night long with lights powered by noisy gas generators. There were 130,000 people inside this fence over a period of three days. Vegetation was trampled. Another large concert, the Hardly Strictly Bluegrass concert, does not perimeter fence, has a shorter set-up/take down window and does not have music at night. During the Outside Lands concert, animals that forage and have regular travel patterns at night could not get in or out of the area due to the fencing. Within the large outside fence, cross fencing was placed, which, in some areas, shut wildlife off from water. Animals that sleep during the day and feed at night had to contend with disturbance of their feeding patterns for more than 10 days.

The issue of wildlife that live in Golden Gate Park appears to have been ignored during the planning of this concert. Animal Care and Control was not aware of this event until two days before. The California Department of Fish and Game was also unaware. Golden Gate Park was originally developed from a wild area lying outside the limits of San Francisco (the Outside Lands), and has always had wildlife. The Park provides environmental education for children, bird watching and other wildlife-dependent activities. Wildlife are a part of our treasured Golden Gate Park.

The decision point is arriving as to which events are realistic for Golden Gate Park, events that still allow us to preserve habitat for wildlife. Fencing in place for more than 10 days, night lighting, and late night music ignore the creatures who call Golden Gate Park home. We hope that you will take our wildlife into account when planning future events.

**Golden Gate Park**

**LEGEND**

1. Dutch Windmill
2. Beach Chalet
3. Soccer Fields
4. Murphy Windmill
5. Archery Field
6. Golf Course
7. Buffalo Paddock
8. Model Yacht Club
9. Spreckels Lake
10. Anglers Lodge
11. Fly-Casting Pools
12. Dog Run
13. Stadium/Polo Fields
14. Speedway Meadow
15. Marx Meadow
16. Lloyd Lake
17. Boat House
18. Stow Lake
19. Strawberry Hill
20. Playground
21. Rose Garden
22. Japanese Tea Garden
23. S.F. Botanical Garden at Strybing Arboretum
24. Parking Garage
25. M.H. de Young Memorial Museum
26. Music Concourse
27. Shakespeare Garden
28. California Academy of Sciences (future)
29. Handball Courts
30. Baseball Field
31. AIDS Memorial Grove
32. Bowling Greens
33. Kezar Stadium
34. Carousel
35. Children's Playground
36. Sharon Meadow
37. Tennis Courts
38. McLaren Lodge
39. Horseshoe Pits
40. Dog Run
41. Conservatory of Flowers

Red line shows extent of fencing for Outside Lands Festival

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Thursday, November 13, 2008
5:30 PM

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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the October 9, 2008 Meeting**
   [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**
   [Discussion Item]

5. **Status and tracking of letters of recommendation approved by the Commission, requesting action by the Board of Supervisors**
   [Discussion/Action Item]

   A) Update on the status of the letter sent by the Commission to the Board of Supervisors urging them to hold hearings about animal welfare issues at the San Francisco Zoo. Discussion and possible action to appoint a member of the Animal Control and Welfare Commission to represent the ACWC on the Joint Zoo Committee of the Recreation and Park Commission.
   [Commissioners Brooks]

6. **Unfinished Business**
   [Discussion/Action Item]

A) Discussion and possible action to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors recommending that they develop an ordinance banning the renting of pets in San Francisco. In the past couple of years, several companies have started for-profit businesses renting dogs to people who want to enjoy the companionship of pets for a short time but who cannot care for a pet full time. Banning the renting of dogs (following the lead of Boston and the state of Massachusetts) would prevent this type of business from operating in San Francisco. [Discussion/Action Item]
[Commissioner Brooks]

B) Discussion only of Live Release from San Francisco Shelters (titled "No Kill" in previous agendas). The Commission will continue its exploration of a policy that would ensure that no adoptable animal (including those that need medical and behavioral intervention but would be adoptable after that) is euthanized in San Francisco shelters. Commissioner Padilla will update her work on the subject. Kathleen McGarr of FixSF, a group that supports live release, will present information on efforts in Charlottesville, VA and Nevada to reduce kill rates in their shelters. The Commission discussion will continue in future meetings with additional speakers. [Discussion only]
[Commissioner Padilla]

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[Discussion Item]

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[Discussion Item]

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# San Francisco Commission of Animal Control & Welfare

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Thursday, January 8, 2009
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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the November 13, 2008 Meeting**
   [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**
   [Discussion Item]

5. **New Business**
   [Discussion/Action Item]

   A) Discussion and possible action to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors expressing the Commission's support for the Lights Out for Birds program in San Francisco. This voluntary program encourages building owners, especially owners of tall buildings, to turn off unnecessary lights at night to protect migrating birds who may be confused by the lights and strike a building or suffer other harm. A speaker from the Golden Gate Audubon Society will give a short presentation about the program. A letter from the Golden Gate Audubon Society to the Commission about the program and its request for Commission support is included below.
   [Commissioner Hemphill]

## 6. Unfinished Business
[Discussion/Action Item]

A) Discussion only of "No Kill" policies in San Francisco Shelters (also referred to as "Live Release" in earlier agendas). The Commission will continue its exploration of a policy that would ensure that no adoptable animal (including those that need medical and behavioral intervention but would be adoptable after that) is euthanized in San Francisco shelters. Representatives of SF Animal Care and Control and Jan McHugh-Smith, President of the SF/SPCA, will give presentations. The Commission's discussion will continue in future meetings with additional speakers. [Discussion only]
[Commissioner Padilla]

B) Discussion and possible action to determine a process for appointment and potentially to appoint a representative of the Commission to the Joint Zoo Committee of the Recreation and Park Department. The Joint Zoo Committee, which has limited oversight of the San Francisco Zoo, recently agreed to include a representative of the Animal Control and Welfare Commission as a non-voting member. [Discussion/Action Item]
[Commissioner Stephens]

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR AGENDA ITEM 5A (1/8/09 MEETING)**

December 17, 2008

Commission of Animal Control and Welfare
City Hall
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San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Commissioners:

Golden Gate Audubon is writing on behalf of our roughly 9,000 members and supporters who are dedicated to protecting Bay Area birds, other wildlife, and their natural habitats. We conserve and restore wildlife habitats, connect people of all ages and backgrounds with the natural world, and educate and engage Bay Area residents in the protection of our shared, local environment. This letter is to encourage the Commission of Animal Control and Welfare's support for the Lights Out for Birds in San Francisco. In addition, we request that the Commission of Animal Control and Welfare urge the Board of Supervisors of San Francisco to do the same.

The Lights Out for Birds in San Francisco project is a partnership between the American Bird Conservancy, the San Francisco Department of the Environment, and Golden Gate Audubon to encourage building owners to turn off unnecessary lights at night. Forty four of the tallest buildings have been identified as potential sites for implementing this program. Most birds migrate at night, and studies indicate they are often drawn off course by tall, lighted structures in their flight path. Scientists aren't sure why this happens but it may be related to the fact that among many navigational cues, birds use the stars to stay on course. Lighted skyscrapers may simply confuse them. Once in among the lights, birds seem reluctant to fly out. Sometimes birds strike buildings or structures on rooftops. Sometimes birds continue flying around the lighted buildings until they drop to the rooftop or to the ground from exhaustion. The Lights Out program can dramatically reduce these collisions. Over 200 species of birds migrate through San Francisco; many are Neo-tropical migrants such as our beautiful warblers, thrushes, and tanagers. There are 23 species of birds seen in San Francisco that are on the American Bird Conservancy and Audubon Watch Lists. Golden Gate Audubon has supported this project for single hour events in the fall of 2007, the spring of 2008 and conducted a pilot project this past fall. Golden Gate Audubon will participate in the expansion of the Lights Out program. We are working with our partners and others (San Francisco Animal Care and Control, San Francisco Zoo, San Franciscans for Smart Lighting, WildCare, PG&E and the Building Owners and Managers Association) to publicize this project in the spring of 2009 to downtown building owners and their tenants. This voluntary program will be beneficial in decreasing unnecessary night lighting in the City of San Francisco, help to reduce the threat of nighttime collisions with buildings for migratory birds, conserve resources, save money, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and ultimately increase the visibility of the night sky.

Recognizing that the Commission of Animal Control and Welfare is an advisory body to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, we respectfully request the Commission's backing of this project by recommending support of Lights Out for Birds in San Francisco.

Best regards,

Noreen Weeden
San Francisco Conservation Committee, chair

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[Discussion/Action Item]

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[Discussion Item]

5. **New Business**

A) Discussion and possible action to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that they commend the San Francisco restaurants that have stopped selling foie gras before the California statewide ban on foie gras goes into effect in 2012 and further that they encourage San Franciscans to avoid supporting this extreme form of animal cruelty. [Discussion and possible Action]
[Commissioner Gerrie]

B) Discussion and possible action to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that they oppose the 9% sales tax on veterinary services proposed by Governor Schwarzenegger as part of a package of taxes on "luxury" items. Veterinary care is an essential component of responsible pet guardianship and the professional

services that veterinarians provide should not be taxed in the same way as if they were merely selling canned goods. The increased costs could cause people to delay needed veterinary care for their pets, increasing animal suffering and owner surrenders of pets at shelters because of the increased cost of care. [Discussion and possible Action]
[Commissioner Stephens]

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[Commissioner Padilla]

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR AGENDA ITEM 5A (2/12/09)**
**Suggested Resolution from Board of Supervisors**

Resolution of the Board of Supervisors
City of San Francisco
Commending Restaurants that have Removed Foie Gras

**WHEREAS**, "foie gras," or fattened liver, is the artificially enlarged liver of a duck or goose that has been force fed twenty percent of its healthy body weight per day for two to three weeks, resulting in a liver that is typically ten times its normal size; and

**WHEREAS**, Cal. Health & Safety Code § 25980, et. seq. will make it illegal to sell or produce foie gras in California, effective 2012. At least fifteen countries have banned foie gras production, and only a few still produce it; and

**WHEREAS**, a 2004 independent Zogby International poll of American adults revealed that 77% agreed that the process of force-feeding ducks and geese in order to produce foie gras should be banned by law in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** virtually all animal protection groups recognize foie gras as inherently cruel, including the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), In Defense of Animals (IDA), Farm Sanctuary, and the Animal Protection and Rescue League (APRL);

**WHEREAS,** chef and restaurateur Wolfgang Puck recently implemented a nine-point animal welfare program for all of his restaurants, including those in San Francisco, that eliminates the use of eggs from battery cages, veal and pork from confinement crates, and foie gras, and adds healthy vegetarian selections;

**WHEREAS,** this Board has already passed resolutions favoring cage-free eggs, and 72% of San Francisco voters approved Proposition 2 in November 2008, in which California voters overwhelmingly banned other cruel factory farming practices such as battery cages, veal crates, and pig gestation crates;

**NOW THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of the City of San Francisco, that this Board, for and on behalf of the people of San Francisco, commends the many restaurants that have stopped selling *foie gras* before the California statewide ban goes into effect, and encourages San Franciscans to avoid supporting this extreme form of animal cruelty.

# San Francisco Commission of Animal Control & Welfare

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## MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, March 12, 2009
5:30 PM

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2. **General Public Comment**
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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the February 12, 2009 Meeting**
   [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**
   [Discussion Item]

5. **Committee Reports/Commissioner's Reports**

   A) Discussion of how to store recordings of Commission meetings made using an MP3 Recorder to allow for public access to the recordings.
   [Discussion only]
   [Commissioner Gerrie]

6. **Status and tracking of letters of recommendation approved by the Commission, requesting action by the Board of Supervisors**

   A) Update on status of Commission recommendation to the Board of Supervisors that they commend the San Francisco restaurants that have

stopped selling foie gras before the California statewide ban on foie gras goes into effect in 2012 and further that they encourage San Franciscans to avoid supporting this extreme form of animal cruelty. [Discussion only]
[Commissioner Gerrie]

## 7. New Business

A) Presentation by Virginia Handley, from the Animal Switchboard, with details about legislation relevant to animal welfare that has been introduced in the current session of the California State Assembly and State Senate. [Discussion only]
[Commissioner Stephens]

## 8. Unfinished Business

A) Discussion only of "No Kill" policies in San Francisco Shelters (also referred to as "Live Release" in earlier agendas). The Commission will continue its exploration of a policy that would ensure that no adoptable animal (including those that need medical and behavioral intervention but would be adoptable after that) is euthanized in San Francisco shelters. Presentations will be made by Nathan Winograd, Director of the national No Kill Advocacy Center, and by Dr. Emily Weiss (Senior Director of Shelter Behavior Programs for the ASPCA) and Pam Burney (ASPCA National Shelter Outreach). The discussion will continue in future months with additional speakers. [Discussion only]
[Commissioner Padilla]

## 9. General Public Comment

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## 10. Items to be put on the Calendar for Future Commission Meetings

[Discussion Item]

## 11. Closing Review of Task Allotments and Next Steps

[Discussion Item]

## 12. Adjournment

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# San Francisco Commission of Animal Control & Welfare

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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the March 12, 2009 Meeting**
   [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**
   [Discussion Item]
   A) Report of the March 30, 2009 meeting of the Joint Zoo Committee

5. **Status and tracking of letters of recommendation approved by the Commission, requesting action by the Board of Supervisors**

   A) Update on status of Commission recommendation to the Board of Supervisors that they commend the San Francisco restaurants that have stopped selling foie gras before the California statewide ban on foie gras goes into effect in 2012 and further that they encourage San Franciscans to avoid supporting this extreme form of animal cruelty. [Discussion only] [Commissioner Gerrie]

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[Discussion Item]

## 9. Closing Review of Task Allotments and Next Steps

[Discussion Item]

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# SAN FRANCISCO COMMISSION OF ANIMAL CONTROL & WELFARE

## MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, May 14, 2009
5:30 PM

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2. **General Public Comment**
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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the April 9, 2009 Meeting**
   [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**
   [Discussion Item]
   A) Report of the April 27, 2009 meeting of the Joint Zoo Committee

5. **Status and tracking of letters of recommendation approved by the Commission, requesting action by the Board of Supervisors**

   A) Update on status of Commission recommendation to the Board of Supervisors that they develop an ordinance banning the renting of pets in San Francisco. In the past couple of years, several companies have started for-profit businesses renting dogs to people who want to enjoy the companionship of pets for a short time but who cannot care for a pet full time. [Discussion only]
   [Commissioner Brooks]

## 6. Unfinished Business

A) Discussion only of "No Kill" policies in San Francisco Shelters (also referred to as "Live Release" in earlier agendas). The Commission will continue its exploration of a policy that would ensure that no adoptable animal (including those that need medical and behavioral intervention but would be adoptable after that) is euthanized in San Francisco shelters. Presentations will be made by representatives of various rescue groups – Anne Feingold from the Urban Cat Project, Lana Bajsel from Give Me Shelter Cat Rescue, and Sherri Franklin from Muttville. The discussion will continue in future months. [Discussion only]
[Commissioner Padilla]

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[Discussion Item]

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[Discussion Item]

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## MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, June 11, 2009
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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the May 14, 2009 Meeting**
   [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**
   [Discussion Item]
   A) Report of the May 26, 2009 meeting of the Joint Zoo Oversight Committee

   B) Update on Rules Committee hearing to fill expiring appointments to the Commission

5. **Unfinished Business**
   A) Discussion only of "No Kill" policies in San Francisco Shelters (also referred to as "Live Release" in earlier agendas). The Commission will continue its exploration of a policy that would ensure that no adoptable animal (including those that need medical and behavioral intervention but would be adoptable after that) is euthanized in San Francisco shelters. Presentations will be made by representatives of Best Friends Animal Society,

an organization that provides information, assistance, and training to create no-kill communities. The Commission will also begin the discussion of what to do with all the information gathered on No Kill over the past few months. [Discussion only]
[Commissioner Padilla]

6. **New Business**
A) Discussion and possible action to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that they ban the practice of declawing cats, except when determined by a veterinarian to be medically necessary. Declawing involves amputating the last bone of the toes and severing tendons, nerves and muscles that enable normal function and is considered cruel by many animal welfare advocates when done for non-medical reasons such as to prevent a cat from clawing furniture. Former Commissioner Susan Wheeler will present information on previous deliberations and recommendations by the Commission against declawing cats. Other speakers will also be invited to speak.
[Discussion/Action Item]
[Commissioner Stephens]

B) Discussion and possible action to send letters to the Recreation and Park Department (RPD), the Head of the RPD Park Patrol, and the Port of San Francisco, asking them to increase patrols in parks and natural areas with nesting birds and other wildlife, or restrict access to those areas to prevent people from setting off illegal fireworks around the Fourth of July. A letter has also been drafted to the SFPD applauding them for their enforcement of fireworks laws. Illegal fireworks scare nesting birds, sometimes causing them to abandon their nests, and harm other wildlife. Sample letters are posted on the Commission website (http://www.sfgov.org/site/awcc_meeting.asp?id=1344), under Supporting Documents for the June 11 meeting. [Discussion/Action Item]
[Commissioner Hemphill]

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8. **Items to be put on the Calendar for Future Commission Meetings**
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   [Discussion Item]
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**6. New Business**

A) Discussion of the significantly low live release rate for "other" (non-cat, non-dog) animals at Animal Care and Control. Which animals are in this "other" group? What solutions have been tried to increase the live release rate of this "other" group? What can be done to improve the situation? Rebecca Katz, Kat Brown, and Eric Zuercher, all of Animal Care and Control, will present information on their search for answers to these questions. [Discussion only]
[Commissioner Hemphill]

B) Update and discussion regarding the Outside Lands Concert being held August 28-30, 2009 in Golden Gate Park, including the status of planning for that concert. After this concert's first occurrence in August 2008, the Commission wrote a letter to the Board of Supervisors and the Recreation and Park Department expressing concern about the concert's impact on park wildlife and habitat and making suggestions for changes that could improve the situation for wildlife. Possible action to approve a letter to the Recreation and Park Department concerning actions taken/needed to improve the situation, or to take other action. [Discussion/Action Item]
[Commissioner Hemphill]

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**8. Items to be put on the Calendar for Future Commission Meetings**

[Discussion Item]

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# SAN FRANCISCO COMMISSION OF ANIMAL CONTROL & WELFARE

## MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, August 13, 2009
5:30 PM

Room 408
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Laurie Kennedy-Routhier, David Gordon, DVM, Angela L. Padilla, Andrea Brooks, Sally Stephens
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2. **General Public Comment**
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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the July 9, 2009 Meeting**
   [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**
   [Discussion Item]
   A) Update on Rules Committee hearing to fill expiring appointments to the Commission

   B) Update on Joint Zoo Operating Committee

5. **Status and tracking of letters of recommendation approved by the Commission, requesting action by the Board of Supervisors**

   A) Update on status of Commission recommendation to the Board of Supervisors that they develop an ordinance banning the practice of declawing cats, except when determined to be medically necessary. Declawing involves amputating the last bone of the toes and severing tendons and nerves and

that enable normal function and is considered cruel by many animal welfare advocates when done for non-medical reasons such as to prevent a cat from clawing furniture. [Discussion only]
[Commissioner Stephens]

6. **Unfinished Business**
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[Commissioner Padilla]

7. **New Business**
A) Discussion and possible action to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that they encourage all San Francisco restaurants and retailers not to sell eggs from birds kept confined in "battery" cages, cages so small the animals cannot turn around in them. [Discussion/Action item]
[Commissioner Gerrie]

8. **General Public Comment**
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9. **Items to be put on the Calendar for Future Commission Meetings**
[Discussion Item]

10. **Closing Review of Task Allotments and Next Steps**
[Discussion Item]

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# San Francisco Commission of Animal Control & Welfare

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Thursday, September 10, 2009
5:30 PM

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2. **General Public Comment**
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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the August 13, 2009 Meeting**
   [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**
   [Discussion Item]

5. **Status and Tracking of Letters of Recommendation approved by the Commission, requesting action by the Board of Supervisors**

   A) Update on status of Commission recommendation to the Board of Supervisors that they develop an ordinance banning the practice of declawing cats, except when determined to be medically necessary. Declawing involves amputating the last bone of the toes and severing tendons and nerves and that enable normal function and is considered cruel by many animal welfare advocates when done for non-medical reasons such as to prevent a cat from clawing furniture. [Discussion only] [Commissioner Stephens]

## 6. Unfinished Business

A) Follow-up report about the Outside Lands Festival that was held from August 28-30, 2009 in Golden Gate Park, its impact on wildlife that live in the park and their habitat, and the efforts taken to mitigate those impacts. Possible action to approve a letter to the Recreation and Park Department reporting on this year's Festival and the planning needed for next year's event to protect the wildlife. [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Hemphill]

B) Discussion only of "No Kill" policies in San Francisco Shelters (also referred to as "Live Release" in earlier agendas). The Commission will continue its exploration of a policy that would ensure that no adoptable animal (including those that need medical and behavioral intervention but would be adoptable after that) is euthanized in San Francisco shelters. The Commission will continue the discussion of what to do with all the information gathered on No Kill over the past few months. [Discussion only] [Commissioner Padilla]

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## 7. Items to be put on the Calendar for Future Commission Meetings

[Discussion Item]

## 8. Closing Review of Task Allotments and Next Steps

[Discussion Item]

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# San Francisco Commission of Animal Control & Welfare

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Thursday, October 8, 2009
5:30 PM

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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the September 10, 2009 Meeting**
   [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**
   [Discussion Item]

   A) Update on Joint Zoo Operating Committee

5. **Status and tracking of letters of recommendation approved by the Commission, requesting action by the Board of Supervisors**

   A) Update on status of Commission recommendation to the Board of Supervisors that they develop an ordinance banning the practice of declawing cats, except when determined to be medically necessary. Declawing involves amputating the last bone of the toes and severing tendons and nerves and that enable normal function and is considered cruel by many animal welfare advocates when done for non-medical reasons such as to prevent a cat from clawing furniture. [Discussion only]
   [Commissioner Stephens]

## 6. New Business

A) Discussion only of how to increase the number of people who can adopt and foster pets, focusing on how to increase the number of landlords who rent to tenants with pets. Increasing the number of people available to adopt and foster pets will help decrease the number of animals held in shelters and ultimately will help reduce the number of animals euthanized in shelters. Representatives of tenants and landlord groups will be invited to speak. [Discussion only]
[Commissioner Gerrie, Brooks, and Stephens]

## 7. Unfinished Business

A) Discussion only of "No Kill" policies in San Francisco Shelters (also referred to as "Live Release" in earlier agendas). The Commission will continue its exploration of a policy that would ensure that no adoptable animal (including those that need medical and behavioral intervention but would be adoptable after that) is euthanized in San Francisco shelters. The Commission will continue the discussion of what to do with all the information gathered on No Kill over the past few months. [Discussion only]
[Commissioner Padilla]

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[Discussion Item]

## 10. Closing Review of Task Allotments and Next Steps

[Discussion Item]

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# San Francisco Commission of Animal Control & Welfare

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5:30 PM

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   [Discussion/Action Item]

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4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**
   [Discussion Item]

   A) Update on Joint Zoo Operating Committee

5. **Status and tracking of letters of recommendation approved by the Commission, requesting action by the Board of Supervisors**

   A) Update on status of Commission recommendation to the Board of Supervisors that they develop an ordinance banning the practice of declawing cats, except when determined to be medically necessary [Discussion only] [Commissioner Stephens]

6. **Unfinished Business**

   A) Discussion and possible action to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that they give San Francisco tenants the right to have pets. The motivation for this is to reduce the number of animals surrendered to shelters because housing that allows pets cannot be found, and to reduce the number of animals euthanized in shelters because people who

would otherwise foster or adopt the animals are prevented from doing so because their apartments do not allow pets. The right to have pets already exists for tenants of public housing and California law provides tenants in mobile homes the right to have pets and prohibits TIC groups and condominium board from banning pets. The discussion will also consider incentives for landlords and responsibilities of tenants with pets. Representatives of landlord and tenant groups will make presentations on the topic. [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Gerrie]

B) Discussion only of "No Kill" policies in San Francisco Shelters (also referred to as "Live Release" in earlier agendas). The Commission will continue its exploration of a policy that would ensure that no adoptable animal (including those that need medical and behavioral intervention but would be adoptable after that) is euthanized in San Francisco shelters. The Commission will continue the discussion of what to do with all the information gathered on No Kill over the past few months. [Discussion only] [Commissioner Padilla]

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5:30 PM

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   [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**
   [Discussion Item]

   A) Update on Joint Zoo Operating Committee

5. **New Business**

   A) Discussion and possible action to send a letter to the Recreation and Park Department and to the Board of Supervisors regarding the proposed soccer field development at the western end of Golden Gate Park, requesting a full evaluation of the project including its impacts on wildlife. This plan includes installing artificial turf for from 4 to 6 soccer fields, paving large areas for parking and sidewalks, installing 60-foot-tall lights, removal of existing trees, etc. This project will also drain the groundwater from the fields into the sewer. Many aspects of this project are harmful to wildlife. This project is on a fast track to approval with inadequate public notification and needs full evaluation in a more reasonable timeframe with involvement of San Franciscans in the process. [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Hemphill]

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# San Francisco Commission of Animal Control & Welfare

## MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, February 11, 2010
5:30 PM

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2. **General Public Comment**
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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the January 14, 2010 Meeting**
   [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**
   [Discussion Item]

5. **New Business**

   A) Discussion and possible action to elect Commission Officers – Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary. All positions are volunteer, with no financial compensation. Each Officer's duties will be discussed. Nominations from among the Commissioners will be made and a vote taken. [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Stephens]

6. **Unfinished Business**

   A) Discussion only of "No Kill" policies in San Francisco Shelters. The Commission will continue its exploration of a policy that would ensure that no adoptable animal (including those that need medical and behavioral intervention but would be adoptable after that) is euthanized in San Francisco shelters. The Commission will continue the discussion of what to do with all the information gathered on No Kill over the past few months. [Discussion only] [Commissioner Padilla]

7. **General Public Comment**
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8. **Items to be put on the Calendar for Future Commission Meetings**
   [Discussion Item]

9. **Closing Review of Task Allotments and Next Steps**
   [Discussion Item]

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# San Francisco Commission of Animal Control & Welfare

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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the February 11, 2010 Meeting**
   [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**
   [Discussion Item]

   A) Report from Joint Zoo Committee

5. **New Business**

   A) Discussion and Possible Action to inform the goat companies that operate in San Francisco about fencing practices that impact wildlife and feral cats by including this information in contracts, or by other methods. Goats are frequently used by city departments (such as the Recreation and Park and the SFPUC) to eat and therefore clear unwanted vegetation on their property. Letters about fencing practices will be sent to the Office of Contract Administration, Recreation and Park Department, Port of San Francisco, SFPUC and possibly also to other parties if we find they use fenced goats on their property. In addition, it would help Animal Care and Control to know, in advance, when goats are going to be used, and therefore, ACC should be a signatory on any goat contracts. A draft letter is attached. [Discussion/Action]
   [Commissioner Hemphill and Commissioner Routhier]

6. **General Public Comment**
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**PROPOSED TEXT FOR LETTER ON GOAT FENCING**
**Agenda Item 5A**
**Animal Control and Welfare Commission**
**March 11, 2010**

(Separate letters to be sent to the following agencies: Office of Contract Administration, Recreation and Parks Department, Port of San Francisco, SFPUC and possibly other involved parties as more information is obtained.)

We are writing to you about the practice of fencing large areas of habitat to enclose goats who are being employed to eat unwanted vegetation. Goats have been used successfully in San Francisco in this way for some time, but there are concerns about the impact on wildlife and feral cats that might be trapped inside the fencing. For years, there have been ongoing complaints from the public regarding trapped animals.

As a result of the awareness of the problems that occur for wildlife and feral cats, we would like to propose some details that are appropriate to be included in a contract with a goat company, and to be distributed as general information.

<u>Proposed contract details for goat fencing</u>

- Non-electrified gaps must be left in the fencing. These gaps must look significantly different from the rest of the fence. There must be at least one gap, but more than one will offer the wildlife a better chance to exit.
  (The presence of these gaps may allow some wildlife to leave, but if they have previously touched the electrified fence, they may not use the gaps.)

- The fencing should not be up for more than 3 days, meaning that it will enclose a smaller area, the amount that the goats can eat in 3 days.
  (In late spring / early summer mother animals often sleep away from the natal den to prevent youngsters from nursing when their new very sharp teeth are emerging. When their teeth begin to come in the mother begins to wean them from nursing...only nursing them twice a night - early eve before she goes off to forage, and again before dawn. Separating a mother from her young with an electric fence will result in the young dying in the natal den. They can't go long without nourishment.)

- There should be two containers of water for wildlife within the enclosed area, at both ends of the enclosure, so the wildlife will be more likely to find it.

- Water for wildlife (one set of the two) should be located close to the non-electrified panel so that the wildlife will be more likely to find the exit.

- Water should be placed in clean kitty litter pans. These low pans will allow access for small animals like skunks who are not climbers. Providing dog food in similar pans would also be a welcome addition for trapped wildlife, but cannot be required.

It is also our opinion that Animal Care and Control should be included as a signatory on any San Francisco contract with a goat company. There can be problems with escaping goats or injured wildlife which will require that ACC be called in to help, yet presently

they are often not aware that the goats will be arriving in an area. We also recognize that some goat companies already utilize these best practices and are concerned for wildlife enclosed within the fencing.

Please respond to these proposed contract details and whether they can be included in future contracts and whether in the future ACC can be a signatory on the contracts.

Thank you for your help with this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Hemphill, Commissioner
Laurie Routhier, Commissioner

# San Francisco Commission of Animal Control & Welfare

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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the March 11, 2010 Meeting**
   [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Status and tracking of letters of recommendation approved by the Commission, requesting action by the Board of Supervisors**

   A) Update on the status of a resolution passed by this Commission to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that they encourage all San Francisco restaurants and retailers not to sell eggs from birds kept confined in "battery" cages, cages so small the animals cannot turn around in them. [Discussion only] [Commissioner Gerrie]

5. **New Business**

   A) Discussion and possible action to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that they pass an ordinance prohibiting the sale of transfer of dogs and cats in companion animal (pet) stores. An exemption for dogs and cats in the care of rescue groups would be allowed. This ordinance is intended to stop the sale of dogs and cats from puppy mills, and is similar to an ordinance adopted in West Hollywood and other California communities earlier this year. [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Gerrie]

B) Discussion about expanding/increasing the Behavior & Training division at SF/ACC to meet needs of shelter animals. Solutions may include recommending to the Board of Supervisors that they pass an ordinance amending the Annual Salary Ordinance to create a classification for a Senior Animal Behaviorist/Trainer and an Assistant Animal Behaviorist/Trainer or other methods to increase funding for those positions.
[Discussion/ Possible Action Item] [Commissioner Brooks]

**6. Unfinished Business**

A) Discussion of response from the Office of Contract Administration regarding the Commission's proposed guidelines for the goat companies. These guidelines were suggested to lessen the impact of the practice of fencing areas of habitat, to enclose goats to eat unwanted vegetation on city owned properties. The initial guidelines were modified during the last meeting after input from the goat companies.
[Discussion only]
[Commissioner Pam Hemphill and Commissioner Laurie Routhier]

B) Discussion only of "No Kill" policies in San Francisco Shelters. The Commission will continue its exploration of a policy that would ensure that no adoptable animal (including those that need medical and behavioral intervention but would be adoptable after that) is euthanized in San Francisco shelters. Dori Villanon of the SFSPCA will present 2009 SFSPCA Asilomar Accord and SFSPCA-ACC Partnership statistics with the Commission. Former Commissioner Bill Hamilton will present a suggested draft ordinance, An At-Risk Animal Adoption and Welfare Act.
[Discussion only] [Commissioner Padilla]

**7. General Public Comment**
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**8. Items to be put on the Calendar for Future Commission Meetings**
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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the April 8, 2010 Meeting**
   [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**

   A) Update on Rules Committee hearing to fill expiring appointments to the Commission.

5. **Status and tracking of letters of recommendation approved by the Commission, requesting action by the Board of Supervisors**

   A) Update on the status of a resolution passed by this Commission to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that they pass an ordinance amending the Annual Salary Ordinance to create a classification for a Senior Animal Behaviorist/Trainer and an Assistant Behaviorist/Trainer or other methods to increase funding for these positions. [Discussion only] [Commissioner Brooks]

6. **New Business**

   A) An invited presentation of an overview of animal welfare and related management issues at the San Francisco Zoo by Deniz Bolbol, a critic of the Zoo and local activist who works

with zoo experts and animal welfare organizations. Bolbol's presentation will include a recap of events that have taken place over the past two years, current issues, the Zoo's future, and recommendations for the Commission. [Discussion only] [Commissioner Stephens]

## 7. Unfinished Business

A) Continuation of discussion and possible action to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that they pass an ordinance prohibiting the sale or transfer of dogs and cats in companion animal (pet) stores. An exemption for dogs and cats in the care of rescue groups would be allowed. This ordinance is intended to stop the sale of dogs and cats from puppy mills, and is similar to an ordinance adopted in West Hollywood and other California communities earlier this year. Representatives of local pet stores will be invited to speak about the proposed ordinance. [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Gerrie]

B) Discussion and possible action as the Commission continues its exploration of a "No Kill" policy that would ensure that no adoptable animal (including those that need medical and behavioral intervention but would be adoptable after that) is euthanized in San Francisco shelters. The discussion will include an ordinance proposed by former Commissioner Bill Hamilton and a "Sense of the City" resolution from ACC Director Rebecca Katz (both attached at the end of the agenda). A representative of the SF/SPCA will also speak on SPCA objections to proposed legislation and report on recent shelter statistics. Possible action will include a decision whether or not to ask the Board of Supervisors to adopt an ordinance that would require No Kill policies at San Francisco shelters, or whether or not to ask the Board of Supervisors to adopt a "Sense of the City" resolution supporting No Kill principles and encouraging all relevant parties to work together to reduce the number of euthanasias in city shelters. [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Padilla and Stephens]

## 8. General Public Comment

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## SUPPORTING DOCUMENT #1 FOR AGENDA ITEM 7B:
## Animal Control and Welfare Commission
## May 13, 2010

**RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY REBECCA KATZ, DIRECTOR OF SF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL (proposed at the April 8, 2010 meeting of the Animal Control and Welfare Commission):**

T.A.I.L.S. (Transferring Animals Into Lifesaving Situations) Resolution

WHEREAS, abandoned, sick or injured animals are a community challenge that require a community response; and

WHEREAS, through tolerance, respect and collaboration of all stakeholders progress can be made; and

WHEREAS, local government and non-profit animal welfare organizations must embrace TAILS and develop support, trust, partnership, resources and improvements for all animals; and

WHEREAS, the TAILS resolution recognizes that improving conditions for animals in our community requires action by major stakeholders including: animal welfare organizations, animal rescue organizations, animal care business, governing bodies, individuals, and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, without the collective focus and effort of each stakeholder we will be unable to improve our life saving efforts on behalf of all animals in our City's shelter; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that all stakeholders join forces to benefit San Francisco's animal population, and commit to

- Support and expand efforts to address the plight of homeless, at-risk, and injured animals
- Support efforts toward adequate, stable and predictable sources of funding for animal welfare programs
- Create and pursue solutions for short and long-term actions that will result in positive outcomes for animals both in local shelters and in the community,
- Collaborate with one another and with other local organizations.

## SUPPORTING DOCUMENT #2 FOR AGENDA ITEM 7B:

**ORDINANCE PROPOSED BY FORMER COMMISSIONER BILL HAMILTON (proposed at the April 8, 2010 meeting of the Animal Control and Welfare Commission):**

**The At-Risk Animal Adoption and Welfare Act of the City and County of San Francisco**
**[draft proposal, April 5, 2010]**
**by Bill Hamilton**

**Definitions**

*Professional animal behaviorist*, as used herein, means an animal behaviorist experienced in evaluating and predicting the behavior of shelter animals and trained by an Associate Applied Animal Behaviorist or a Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist.

*Unsavable (medical),* as used herein, means that animals present medical illnesses, conditions or injuries diagnosed by a licensed veterinarian as immediately life-threatening, causing irremediable suffering, resulting from multiple causes, or requiring a testing and treatment expense that neither the shelter nor a rescue group, competent rescue worker, foster caregiver, or animal sanctuary is willing to assume; or animals present as neonatal without their mothers and are less than ten days old.

*Unsavable (behavioral),* as used herein, means that a dog's behavior over the course of his or her state-mandated holding period is deemed consistently vicious or dangerous by a professional animal behaviorist, or his or her socialization or behavior modification would require an expense that neither the shelter nor a responsible trainer or rescue group is willing to assume.

**Findings**

1. San Francisco Animal Care and Control (ACC), as an open-door municipal animal shelter, is required by the San Francisco Health Code to impound all animals presented to it, no matter what their medical or behavioral condition.

2. In calendar year 2008 the California Department of Public Health, Veterinary Public Health Section reports that ACC euthanized almost 18% of all impounded cats and dogs.

3. In fiscal year 2008-2009 ACC reports that it euthanized 18% of all impounded dogs and cats. Of those, 77% (almost 13% of the total impounded) were for behavior, less serious injury ("Injury 1"), less serious illness ("Sick 1"), owner request, or for being underage.

4. Annually, on average, ACC reports that it euthanizes approximately 20% of healthy, adoptable small animals (other than dogs or cats), including pet mammals, birds and reptiles.

5. ACC does not provide statistical data to the public or on its website on the medical or behavioral reasons for the euthanasias of animals euthanized at owner request, the outcomes of animals transferred to the SF/SPCA, the specific injuries or illnesses that were deemed to warrant euthanasia, or the ages at which "underage" animals were euthanized.

6. Although ACC and the SF/SPCA entered into an adoption agreement in 1994, popularly known as "the Pact," which resulted for over ten years in the transfer of approximately 80% of "adoptable" and "treatable" dogs and cats a year from ACC to the SF/SPCA, that percentage dropped to 32% in FY 2008-2009, largely due to the rejection of ACC's dogs and cats by the SF/SPCA.

7. San Francisco's two major animal shelters, ACC and the SF/SPCA, which after implementation of the Pact, achieved the highest live release rate in the U.S., slipped to number five by 2008, ranked after the local-government-run shelters in Vigo County, IN; Tomkins County, NY; Berkeley, CA; and Albemarle County, VA. (That ranking may have changed since 2008.)

8. Rescue groups repeatedly report that many animals exhibit undesirable behaviors at ACC, but that such behaviors improve or disappear after leaving ACC.

9. Witnesses report that more than one behavioral evaluator at both ACC and the SF/SPCA has either misdiagnosed the negative behavioral factors of animals or overestimated their severity, or has rejected animals for adoption by relying solely on evaluation reports of others without performing their own complete evaluation.

**Ordinance**

This ordinance would amend the San Francisco Health Code, Article 1, as follows (with additions underlined):

San Francisco Health Code, Article 1, Animals, Section SEC. 41.4. - ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL DEPARTMENT; ESTABLISHMENT; APPOINTMENT OF ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER; POWERS AND DUTIES OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL DEPARTMENT.

* * *

(c) Animal Care and Control and other licensed animal shelters in the City and County of San Francisco shall not euthanize any animal except those determined by a licensed veterinarian to be *unsavable (medical)* or determined by a professional animal behaviorist to be *unsavable (behavioral).*

(d) All animals at-risk for euthanasia other than those specified in paragraph (c) must first be given immediate palliative medication and routine emergency medical care if appropriate to relieve suffering. If their condition remains stable they must then be offered to a willing rescue group, competent rescue worker, foster caregiver, animal sanctuary, or responsible trainer for treatment or other appropriate attention. Said group or caregiver will have up to 24 hours to respond to such an offer and must sign a full liability waiver. In such cases adoption fees will be waived, and any costs for health care previously provided by ACC or another shelter may be waived at the discretion of ACC or the other shelter. Only if such animals are refused by a willing rescue group, competent rescue worker, foster caregiver, animal sanctuary, or responsible trainer, may they be euthanized.

(e) It shall be unlawful to transfer any animal to another facility, organization, institution, or individual inside or outside the City and County of San Francisco, unless said facility, organization, institution, or individual signs an agreement to abide by the provisions of this ordinance. Said agreements shall be kept on file at ACC and made available for public inspection upon two working days' notice or posted continuously online.

SEC. 41.5. - ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER; POWERS AND DUTIES; BADGES.
(a) The Animal Control Officer shall have the following powers and duties:

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3. To keep a record of the number, description, and disposition of all animals impounded or otherwise taken into custody, including the euthanization of impounded animals or other animals in their care, showing in detail in the case of each animal the date of receipt; the species, description and likely age of the animal; medical or behavioral diagnoses; steps taken to stabilize or reverse unhealthy or unsafe diagnoses; and, if not euthanized on site, the location of the facility to which the animal was transferred; the date and manner of disposal, the name of the person reclaiming, redeeming, or purchasing said animal; the fees, charges and proceeds of sales received, and such additional records as the Controller of the City and County may prescribe. Such records shall not be removed except upon written order of a court of competent jurisdiction or other duly constituted authority and shall be made available for public inspection upon two working days' notice or posted continuously online.

# San Francisco Commission of Animal Control & Welfare

## MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, June 10, 2010
5:30 PM

Room 408
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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the May 13, 2010 Meeting**
   [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Status and tracking of letters of recommendation approved by the Commission, requesting action by the Board of Supervisors**

   A) Update on the status of a resolution passed by this Commission to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that they pass an ordinance amending the Annual Salary Ordinance to create a classification for a Senior Animal Behaviorist/Trainer and an Assistant Behaviorist/Trainer or other methods to increase funding for these positions. [Discussion only] [Commissioner Brooks]

5. **New Business**

   A) An invited presentation of an overview of animal welfare and related management issues at the San Francisco Zoo by Bob Jenkins, V.P. Institutional Advancement at the Zoo. Jenkins will address events of the past two years, current issues, and the Zoo's future. [Discussion only] [Commissioner Stephens]

6. **Unfinished Business**

   A) Continuation of discussion and possible action to recommend to the Board of

Supervisors that they pass an ordinance prohibiting the sale or transfer of dogs, cats, and possibly other small animals (including hamsters, rats, mice, guinea pigs, and chinchillas) in companion animal (pet) stores. An exemption for animals from shelters or rescue groups would be allowed. This ordinance is intended to stop the sale of dogs and cats from puppy mills, as well as decrease euthanasia rates of other small animals in city shelters. Representatives of local pet stores will be invited to speak about the proposed ordinance. [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Gerrie]

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9. **Items to be put on the Calendar for Future Commission Meetings**
[Discussion Item]

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[Discussion Item]

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# San Francisco Commission of Animal Control & Welfare

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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the June 10, 2010 Meeting**
[Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**
[Discussion Item]

   A) Introduction of new Commissioners

5. **Unfinished Business**

   A) Continuation of discussion and possible action to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that they pass an ordinance prohibiting the sale or transfer of dogs, cats, and possibly other small animals (including hamsters, rats, mice, guinea pigs, and chinchillas) and birds in companion animal (pet) stores. An exemption for animals from shelters or rescue groups would be allowed. This ordinance is intended to stop the sale of dogs, cats and other animals from puppy mills and other breeding mills, as well as to decrease euthanasia rates of small animals in city shelters. A coalition of local pet store owners, breeders, and other concerned citizens has been invited to speak about the proposed ordinance. [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Gerrie]

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   [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**
   [Discussion Item]

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relatively inexpensive improvements that would address animal welfare concerns at the San Francisco Zoo in the following ways: 1) expand and improve the Baird's tapir exhibit into neighboring empty exhibit by creating an opening in the wall between the two exhibits to give the tapir more space and access to a second pool; 2) relocate solitary giant eland to a more appropriate facility where he can join a herd social structure; 3) expand the black rhino exhibit into the giant eland exhibit once he is relocated; 4) expand the black rhino exhibit into the empty adjacent hippo exhibit to provide more space for the rhinos; 5) create full-flight aviaries for all birds at the Zoo; and 6) commit to only taking in rescued exotic birds for all future acquisitions. [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Gerrie]

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# San Francisco Commission of Animal Control & Welfare

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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the August 12, 2010 Meeting**
   [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**
   [Discussion Item]
   A) Update on the Joint Zoo Oversight Committee [Discussion only]

5. **New Business**
   A) Discussion only about recent work by the San Francisco Homeless Animals Coalition, a working group with representatives of rescue groups, shelters, and other interested parties, that is discussing programs needed to reduce the number of animals euthanized at city shelters, and how to implement those programs. The Coalition is not considering legislative approaches or ordinances that would require action by the Board of Supervisors, but is focusing on programs and ideas that can be accomplished collaboratively among the represented groups. Justin Pinkerton, from FixSF, the group that is spearheading the Coalition, will give the presentation. [Discussion only] [Commissioner Stephens]

   B) Election of Commission Officers – Discussion and possible action to elect Commission officers, including Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary. Duties of each position will be explained. [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Stephens]

6. **Unfinished Business**
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# San Francisco Commission of Animal Control & Welfare

## MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, October 14, 2010
5:30 PM

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

2. **General Public Comment**
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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the September 9, 2010 Meeting**
[Discussion/Action Item]

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4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**
[Discussion Item]

5. **Unfinished Business**
A) Presentation by Teresa Murphy, from Cavy Spirit Guinea Pig Rescue, about work she has done in recent weeks to investigate the feasibility of implementing the "Pet Ready" program that she proposed at the August 2010 Commission meeting. The "Pet Ready" program would educate people (through online or in-person courses similar to traffic schools) about different types of pets, e.g., guinea pigs or hamsters, including general information about the animals' behavior and health, as well as what is needed to care for the animal properly. Each type of animal, e.g., guinea pigs or hamsters, would have a separate course. People would get a certificate upon completion of the "Pet Ready" program and would present that certificate to pet stores before they would be able to purchase that type of animal. The idea is to make sure people make informed decisions about pets, and prevent them from making uninformed, impulse buys that later do not work out, at which point the animal is surrendered to city shelters. The "Pet Ready" program idea was brought to the Commission as a possible alternative to a ban on the sale of animals at pet stores. The ban was originally discussed as a way to reduce the number of healthy small animals (guinea pigs, hamsters, rats, etc.) that are euthanized at city shelters because there is no one to take them home, as

well as reducing the market for puppies, kittens, and other animals bred in "puppy mills" under appalling conditions. The Commission put further discussion of the ban on hold to allow Murphy time to work out the details of her "Pet Ready" program more fully. [Discussion only] [Commissioner Stephens]

B) Discussion only of the 2010 Outside Lands Festival in Golden Gate Park and the ongoing problem of animals caught inside fencing erected for the weekend-long festival. In past years, wildlife and feral cats have been kept from their normal sources of food and water by the fences put up to control crowds and ensure people pay for the concerts. This update will discuss efforts made to protect trapped wildlife and feral cats during this year's concert. [Discussion only] [Commissioner Hemphill]

**6. New Business**

A) Discussion of the high death rate of Western gulls in the Pier 94 wetlands area on land controlled by the Port of San Francisco. This problem has been occurring for several years. In the last year alone there were 65 documented deaths in a three-acre area. Some gulls have been found with an oily substance on their feathers. Necropsy has revealed that some died from rodenticides and infectious diseases. This will be a short report on the findings. [Discussion only] [Commission Hemphill]

B) Discussion and possible action to send a quarterly report on Commission activities to the Board of Supervisors. The SF Health Code sec. 41.3 states that "The Commission shall render written report of its activities to the Board quarterly." The Commission will discuss and take possible action to decide what should be included in the Fall 2010 quarterly report. [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Stephens]

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**8. Items to be put on the Calendar for Future Commission Meetings**

[Discussion Item]

**9. Closing Review of Task Allotments and Next Steps**

[Discussion Item]

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## NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF REGULAR MEETING

## AND SCHEDULING OF SPECIAL MEETING

THE ANIMAL CONTROL AND WELFARE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULED FOR

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2010

AT 5:30 PM IN CITY HALL ROOM 408

HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO THE VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY

A SPECIAL MEETING TO REPLACE THE CANCELLED MEETING HAS

BEEN SCHEDULED FOR

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2010

AT 5:30 PM IN CITY HALL ROOM 408

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Tuesday, November 16, 2010
5:30 PM

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2. **General Public Comment**
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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the October 14, 2010 Meeting**
[Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**
[Discussion Item]

5. **Unfinished Business**
A) The Commission will discuss and take possible action to table indefinitely the issue of whether or not San Francisco should mandate that all city shelters not euthanize any adoptable animal or any animal that would be adoptable after behavioral or medical intervention. The Commission has discussed various aspects of this issue over the course of the past two years. In May 2010, the Commission said it would revisit the issue in three months, and this agenda item fulfills that commitment. [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Brooks]

6. **New Business**
A) Discussion and possible action to send a letter to the Recreation and Park Department regarding what can be done to improve communication with the Department about vegetation removal in Golden Gate Park (and other city parks) and its impact on wildlife and feral cats. Recent construction at the Sharon Art Studio bulldozed, with little warning, a clump of thick habitat used by wildlife and feral cats. The cats had lived there for thirteen years and have not been seen since the bulldozing. However, vegetation (habitat) removal in

the parks has been and is an ongoing problem. [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Hemphill]

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8. **Items to be put on the Calendar for Future Commission Meetings**
[Discussion Item]

9. **Closing Review of Task Allotments and Next Steps**
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Thursday, January 13, 2011
5:30 PM

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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the November 16, 2010 Meeting**
   [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**
   [Discussion Item]

   A) Update on Joint Zoo Oversight Committee

5. **Unfinished Business**
   A) Discussion and possible action to send a quarterly report on Commission activities to the Board of Supervisors. The SF Health Code sec. 41.3 states that "The Commission shall render written report of its activities to the Board quarterly." The Commission will discuss and take possible action to decide what should be included in the Fall 2010 quarterly report. [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Stephens]

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   [Discussion Item]

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[Discussion Item]

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## MEETING AGENDA

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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the January 13, 2011 Meeting**
   [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**
   [Discussion Item]

5. **New Business**
   A) Discussion and Possible Action to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors to alert them to the high death rate of Western gulls in the Pier 94 wetlands areas on property of the Port of San Francisco. The death rate was discussed at the October 2010 Commission meeting. This problem has been documented for several years and despite attempts by CA Fish and Game and by the Port of San Francisco to discover the cause, little progress has been made. Recent statistics and documented comparison death rates to other areas will be available at the meeting. The draft of a letter is attached at the end of the agenda. [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Hemphill]

   B) Discussion and possible action to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors asking them to: hold a hearing on the proposed new Dog Management Plan for the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA); to oppose the adoption of the proposed Plan because of its deleterious impact on the health and well-being of dogs in San Francisco; and to ask that the GGNRA develop a new Plan that provides a level of recreational open space, including off-leash access, appropriate to serve the needs of Bay Area residents. Last month, the

GGNRA released a 2,000+-page Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a new Dog Management Plan (copies available at the SF Main Library or at http://tinyurl.com/4ckcsb9) that considers whether dogs can be on or off leash, or forbidden altogether, at 21 sites in the GGNRA. The proposed plan will drastically reduce (cutting by ¾) the amount of open space currently available for off-leash recreation in the GGNRA in San Francisco, which includes Fort Funston, Ocean Beach, Lands End, and Crissy Field. Many of the areas lost to off-leash will not be available to people with dogs even on leash, but will have dogs banned from them entirely. If this open space is lost to off-leash recreation, it will have a deleterious impact on the health and well-being of dogs (and their people) in San Francisco. [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Stephens]

C) Discussion only of how the Commission can better communicate with the public. The issue is complicated by the Commission's lack of staff and budget. How can we improve our communications with the public? Should we have email? Does regular mail and voicemail work for us? How can the Commission make it easier for people to contact us, especially to introduce issues they might like for the Commission to consider? [Discussion only] [Commissioner Hemphill]

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[Discussion/Action Item]

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[Discussion Item]

5. **Old Business**
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[Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Stephens]

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   [Discussion Item]

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5. **New Business**
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   B) Discussion and possible action to send a Quarterly Report, outlining what the Commission has been discussing and any actions taken in the first quarter of 2011, to the Board of Supervisors, as required by SF Health Code sec 41.3 as part of the Commission's responsibilities. [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Stephens]

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# San Francisco Commission of Animal Control & Welfare

## MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, May 12, 2011
5:30 PM

Room 408
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
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2. **General Public Comment**
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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the April 14, 2011 Meeting**
   [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**
   [Discussion Item]

   A) Update on Rules Committee hearing to fill expiring appointments to the Commission

5. **New Business**
   A) Discussion of new requirements on the Commission, including Appointments Database (database showing when Commissioners' terms expire to be accessible from our webpage) and audio recordings of Commission meetings to be accessible from our webpage.
   [Discussion Item] [Commissioner Stephens]

6. **General Public Comment**
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7. **Items to be put on the Calendar for Future Commission Meetings**
   [Discussion Item]

## 8. Closing Review of Task Allotments and Next Steps
[Discussion Item]

## 9. Adjournment

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# San Francisco Commission of Animal Control & Welfare

## MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, June 9, 2011
5:30 PM

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2. **General Public Comment**
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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the May 12, 2011 Meeting**
   [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**
   [Discussion Item]

   A) Update on Rules Committee hearing to fill expiring appointments to the Commission

5. **Old Business**
   A) Update on attempts to develop a database of animal abusers that could be accessed by city shelters and rescue groups to help them screen potential adopters and keep abusers from adopting animals through them. [Discussion Item] [Commissioners Brooks and Stephens]

6. **New Business**
   A) Discussion and possible action to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that they pass an ordinance requiring the humane acquisition of pets in San Francisco. Pets would include dogs, cats, birds, small animals (including but not limited to hamsters, gerbils, rats, mice, guinea pigs, and chinchillas), reptiles, amphibians, and aquarium fish. [Note: live animals purchased as food for pets are excluded.] The ordinance would state that in San Francisco, people can acquire pets of all species through the following methods: 1) Pet store adoptions events; 2) Pet store permanent adoption centers/partnerships; 3) Direct sale from small

breeders; 4) Adoption from shelters such as Animal Care and Control and the SF/SPCA; 5) Adoption from animal rescue organizations. Methods that fall outside of those listed above, such as non-adoption sales through pet stores, would not be permitted.

The pet trade is a multi-billion dollar industry that treats animals as commodities to be bought and sold for profit. This leads to suffering on a massive scale when animals are warehoused, bred for sale, denied socialization and basic veterinary care, and finally transported with minimal care. Animals from mills develop diseases creating public health problems. Importation of sick animals to SF is bad for SF animals. Buying animals from local breeders and adopting from rescue/shelters are healthier companion animal choices. Shelter adoptions will increase when people cannot buy animals on impulse at retail stores. Euthanasia rates will decrease as a result. Many birds, reptiles, and fish are actually taken from the wild to be sold as pets, or bred in captivity. At the same time, the pet trade fuels an overpopulation problem. Pets escape, are released "into the wild" or wind up at ACC to be euthanized by the City. The ordinance is not a prohibition of owning pets but is an endorsement of the benefits to animals (and consumers) of adoption from shelters and rescues versus purchases from stores. [Discussion/Action Item][Commissioners Gerrie, Page, and Russo]

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**8. Items to be put on the Calendar for Future Commission Meetings**
[Discussion Item]

**9. Closing Review of Task Allotments and Next Steps**
[Discussion Item]

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# San Francisco Commission of Animal Control & Welfare

## MEETING AGENDA

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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the June 9, 2011 Meeting**
[Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**
[Discussion Item]

A) Welcome to new Commissioner, Ryan Young.

B) Joint Zoo Update

5. **Old Business**
A) Discussion and possible action to send a Quarterly Report, outlining what the Commission has been discussing and any actions taken in the second quarter of 2011, to the Board of Supervisors, as required by SF Health Code sec 41.3 as part of the Commission's responsibilities. [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Stephens]

6. **New Business**
A) Discussion and possible action to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors to recommend that the name of the Commission of Animal Control and Welfare be changed to Commission of Animal Welfare. Section 41.1 of the SF Health Code defines and names the Commission, and this resolution would ask the Board to change the name in that section. In addition, Section 41.2 (a) of the Health Code states that one of the duties of the Commission is to:

"Hold hearings and submit recommendations regarding animal control and welfare to the Board of Supervisors and the Chief Administrative Officer." This resolution would ask the Board to remove "control and" from Section 41.2(a), so that it would read: "Hold hearings and submit recommendation regarding animal welfare to the Board of Supervisors and the Chief Administrative Officer." [Discussion/Action] [Commissioners Russo and Young]

7. **General Public Comment**
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[Discussion/Action Item]

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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the July 14, 2011 Meeting**
   [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**
   [Discussion Item]

5. **New Business**
   A) Discussion and possible action to elect officers for the Commission. Officers include Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. Responsibilities for each position will be discussed. [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Stephens]

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# San Francisco Commission of Animal Control & Welfare

## MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, September 8, 2011
5:30 PM

Room 408
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San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

09-03-11 A05:29 RCVD

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2. **General Public Comment**
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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the August 11, 2011 Meeting**
   [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**
   A) Update on the Joint Zoo Oversight Committee [Discussion Item]

5. **New Business**
   A) Discussion only about ways to make it easier for the public to contact Commission members. [Discussion Item] [Commissioner Stephens]

6. **General Public Comment**
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7. **Items to be put on the Calendar for Future Commission Meetings**
   [Discussion Item]

8. **Closing Review of Task Allotments and Next Steps**
   [Discussion Item]

9. **Adjournment**

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# San Francisco Commission of Animal Control & Welfare

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Thursday, October 13, 2011
5:30 PM

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10-07-11A10:21 RCVD

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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the September 8, 2011 Meeting**
   [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**

5. **New Business**
   A) Discussion and possible action to send a letter to the SF Arts Commission, the Mayor, and the Board of Supervisors asking them to rescind two contracts with artist Tom Otterness for sculptures at SF General Hospital ($700,000) and the Central Subway project ($750,000). Thirty years ago, when he was 25, Otterness adopted a dog from a shelter, chained it to a fence and shot it on film, calling it "art." San Francisco should not have on public display art made by someone who committed such an unforgivable act of premeditated animal cruelty. The letter will also urge the Arts Commission to ensure future recipients of public art funding have not participated in acts of animal cruelty.
   [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Stephens]

6. **General Public Comment**
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7. **Items to be put on the Calendar for Future Commission Meetings**

[Discussion Item]

## 8. Closing Review of Task Allotments and Next Steps
[Discussion Item]

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# San Francisco Commission of Animal Control & Welfare

## MEETING AGENDA

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5:30 PM

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11-04-11P03:48 RCVD

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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the October 13, 2011 Meeting**
   [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**

5. **New Business**
   A) Discussion only of whether the Commission should start a "Humane Pet Store" program that would officially recognize pet stores in San Francisco that do not sell live animals and would create an official "sign" for qualifying pet stores to post in their store windows. The Commission has expressed concern in previous meetings about the sale of animals in pet stores, primarily the sale of animals bred in "mills" (puppy mills, kitten mills) where animals are kept under appalling conditions and whose animals frequently have physical and behavioral problems. The Commission has also expressed concern in previous meetings about the number of small animals (rats, hamsters, etc.) that are "impulse" buys at pet stores and are then surrendered and ultimately euthanized at city shelters because there are not enough adopters/fosters to take them. [Discussion only] [Commissioner Young]

   B) Discussion only of how to consolidate and update all San Francisco animal-related statistics in one place for the public to see, for example on the Commission or Animal Care and Control websites. Either the Commission or ACC would be responsible for acquiring and posting in one place on a public website the statistics for: a) zoo animals acquired and zoo animals that have died; b) UCSF animals tested on/died/acquired; and c) Animal Care and Control intakes and euthanasias. These statistics are currently available but often difficult for the public to find. [Discussion only] [Commissioner Young]

C) Discussion and possible action to change the starting time for Commission meetings from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Members of the public, Commissioners, and people considering applying to be Commissioners often say they have trouble getting to City Hall for Commission meetings that start at 5:30 pm because they do not get out of work until 5 or 5:30 pm. Starting meetings at 6:30 pm would make it easier for the public and Commissioners to attend, and would mean people did not miss the beginning of meetings. [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Gerrie]

D) Discussion and possible action to consider holding a Commission meeting in December of every year. Currently, the Commission meets once a month for eleven months of the year, not meeting in December. [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Young]

## 6. General Public Comment

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[Discussion Item]

## 8. Closing Review of Task Allotments and Next Steps

[Discussion Item]

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# San Francisco Commission of Animal Control & Welfare

## MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, January 12, 2012
5:30 PM

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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the November 10, 2011 Meeting**
   [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**

5. **Old Business**
   A) Discussion and possible action to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that San Francisco fund the development of a database of people who have abused, neglected or mistreated an animal. This database could be accessed by rescue groups and city shelters to help screen potential adopters and keep abusers from adopting animals through them. In addition, a public list with limited personal information may be posted for any rescue or for-profit group/individual considering placing an animal with someone. [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioners Stephens]

6. **New Business**
   A) Discussion and possible action to send a quarterly report on Commission activities to the Board of Supervisors. The SF Health Code sec. 41.3 states that "The Commission shall render written report of its activities to the Board quarterly." The Commission will discuss and take possible action to decide what should be included in the Fall 2010 quarterly report. [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Stephens]

7. **General Public Comment**
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## 8. Items to be put on the Calendar for Future Commission Meetings
[Discussion Item]

## 9. Closing Review of Task Allotments and Next Steps
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## MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, February 9, 2012
5:30 PM

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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the January 12, 2012 Meeting**
   [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**
   A) Update on the Joint Zoo Oversight Committee [Discussion Item]

5. **Old Business**
   A) Discussion only to update the Commission on work Commissioner Young has done on the idea of creating a Humane Pet Store program that would officially recognize pet stores in San Francisco that do not sell live animals and would create an official "sign" for qualifying pet stores to post in their store windows. [Discussion item] [Commissioner Young]

   B) Discussion and possible action to develop a web page that would provide links for animal-related statistics in San Francisco, including shelter intakes and euthanasias, zoo animal acquisitions and deaths, and animals used in research. Discussion will include whether the Commission should host the page on its website or if it should be hosted by a private group or citizen. [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Young]

6. **New Business**
   A) Discussion and possible action to recommend that the Board of Supervisors change the way the Commission communicates with the Board. Currently, as per the SF Health Code sec 41.3, the Commission sends a written quarterly report of its activities to the Board. Several other methods of communication could be considered, e.g., a quarterly verbal report before a Board Committee, or assigning a designated Supervisor to meet with the Commission on a quarterly basis. The change

would formalize the process of communicating ideas/issues/solutions from the Commission to the Board. [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Young]

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# San Francisco Commission of Animal Control & Welfare

## MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, March 8, 2012
5:30 PM

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

2. **General Public Comment**
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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the February 9, 2012 Meeting**
   [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**

5. **New Business**
   A) Discussion and possible action to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that San Francisco develop a Coyote Management Plan to ensure people, pets and coyotes co-exist. Coyote Management Plans typically include educational outreach and training on "hazing" techniques to change coyote behavior to avoid contact with humans and pets. Possible additions in San Francisco could include sustained educational outreach, training the community to conduct effective hazing, and creation of an online database for coyote sightings. A speaker from Project Coyote, a group that promotes active co-existence between people and wildlife, will discuss how other communities manage coyotes and what San Francisco can do for its coyote management plan. [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Stephens]

   B) Discussion only of how San Francisco may be supporting the puppy mill industry. Animals in puppy mills are kept in squalid conditions, bred repeatedly, and denied socialization and veterinary care. The puppies that result can have health and behavior problems as a result of conditions at the mills. Dr. Jennifer Scarlett, Co-President of the SF/SPCA, will report on results of a city-wide survey on pet acquisition conducted by the SF/SPCA, and how to fight the national problem of puppy mills through local activism. [Discussion Item] [Commissioner Young]

## 6. Old Business

A) Discussion and possible action to recommend that the Board of Supervisors change the way the Commission communicates with the Board. Currently, the SF Health Code Article 1, sec 41.3 says "The Commission shall render a written report of its activities to the Board of Supervisors quarterly." The recommendation is to amend SF Health Code Article 1, sec 41.3 to read: "The Commission shall render a report of its activities via email to the members of the Board of Supervisors and the Clerk of the Board quarterly." [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Gerrie]

## 7. General Public Comment

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[Discussion Item]

## 9. Closing Review of Task Allotments and Next Steps

[Discussion Item]

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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the March 8, 2012 Meeting**
   [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**

5. **Old Business**
   A) Discussion and possible action to designate a Commissioner to review the current resource listings on the Commission website, and critique them for appropriateness and objectivity, then present a summary of their findings to the Commission for review and voting to maintain the current resource list, plus add any newly reviewed and vetted sites suggested by Commission members and the general public. [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Aldridge]

6. **New Business**
   A) Discussion and possible action to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors urging them to publicize National Dog Bite Prevention Week in their newsletters and also on SFGov TV, and to recognize it at their meeting. National Dog Bite Prevention Week is May 20-26, 2012. In the words of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), "Man and woman's best friend bites more than 4.7 million people a year, and key experts believe that public education can help prevent these bites...Each year, 800,000 Americans seek medical attention for dog bites; half of these are children. Of those injured, 386,000 require treatment in an emergency department and about 16 die. The rate of dog bite-related injuries is highest for children ages 5 to 9 years, and the rate decreases as children age. Almost two thirds of injuries among children ages four years and younger are to the head or neck region." (http://www.cdc.gov/HomeandRecreationalSafety/Dog-Bites/dogbite-factsheet.html)

This educational push to protect children (and adults) can begin in San Francisco with actions from the Board of Supervisors. There are excellent links to material on the CDC website (as above), and on the website of the American Veterinary Medical Association, AVMA.org under Public Health...more...Dog Bite Prevention. The AVMA also has an educational coloring book for children that can be printed out free. [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Hemphill]

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[Discussion Item]

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[Discussion Item]

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# San Francisco Commission of Animal Control & Welfare

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Thursday, May 10, 2012
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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the April 12, 2012 Meeting**
   [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**

   A) Update on Rules Committee hearing to fill expiring appointments to the Commission

5. **New Business**
   A) Discussion and possible action to send a Quarterly Report, outlining what the Commission has been discussing and any actions taken in the second quarter of 2011, to the Board of Supervisors, as required by SF Health Code sec 41.3 as part of the Commission's responsibilities. [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Stephens]

6. **General Public Comment**
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7. **Items to be put on the Calendar for Future Commission Meetings**
   [Discussion Item]

8. **Closing Review of Task Allotments and Next Steps**
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# SAN FRANCISCO COMMISSION OF ANIMAL CONTROL & WELFARE

## MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, June 14, 2012
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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the May 10, 2012 Meeting**
   [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**

   A) Update on Rules Committee hearing to fill expiring appointments to the Commission [Discussion item]

   B) Update on the Joint Zoo Oversight Committee [Discussion Item]

5. **Old Business**
   A) Discussion and possible action to send a Quarterly Report, outlining what the Commission has been discussing and any actions taken in the second quarter of 2012, to the Board of Supervisors, as required by SF Health Code sec 41.3 as part of the Commission's responsibilities. This item corrects a typographical error in last month's agenda item. [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Stephens]

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the meeting of the Animal Control and Welfare Commission scheduled for Thursday, August 9, 2012 at 5:30 p.m., at 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlet Place, Room 408, City Hall, San Francisco, California has been **cancelled.**

The next regular meeting of the Animal Control and Welfare Commission will be held on Thursday, September 13, 2012.

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# San Francisco Commission of Animal Control & Welfare

## MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, September 13, 2012
5:30 PM

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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the July 12, 2012 Meeting**
   [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**

   A) Update on Rules Committee hearing to fill expiring appointments to the Commission [Discussion item]

5. **New Business**
   A) Discussion only of a renewed emphasis on animal "wellness" – the psychological as well as physical health of animals – at the San Francisco Zoo. Dr. Terry Maple, a former director of the Atlanta Zoo, will give a presentation about his efforts working with Zoo staff to expand and develop wellness programs for Zoo animals. [Discussion only] [Commissioner Stephens]

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7. **Items to be put on the Calendar for Future Commission Meetings**
   [Discussion Item]

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   [Discussion Item]

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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the September 13, 2012 Meeting**
   [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**

5. **Old Business**
   A) The high mortality of Western Gulls in the Pier 94 wetlands area of the Port of San Francisco was discussed at Animal Control and Welfare Commission meetings on October 14, 2010 and on February 10, 2011. Necropsies in 2010 on collected dead birds had revealed aspergillosis, a fungal infection, as a primary suspect, although in previous investigations rodenticides and oiling were found to be strong contributing factors. After the February 2011 meeting where CA Fish and Game gave updated information as did wildlife volunteers, funding was provided by the Port of SF and by Recology to further research the cause of these deaths. Stori Oates (Wildlife Health Center at UC Davis and the Department of Fish and Game) will present the Pier 94 Gull Mortality Investigation Final Report, the results of a study done from September 2011 to February 2012, involving scientists from several organizations, and utilizing sampling from both urban and natural sites to study Aspergillus spore distribution. [Commissioner Hemphill]

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[Discussion Item]

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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the October 11, 2012 Meeting**
   [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**
   A) Introduction of new Commissioners [Discussion Item]

5. **New Business**
   A) Discussion and possible action to send a Quarterly Report, outlining what the Commission has been discussing and any actions taken in the second half of 2012, to the Board of Supervisors, as required by SF Health Code sec 41.3 as part of the Commission's responsibilities. [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Stephens]

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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the November 8, 2012 Meeting**
[Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**

5. **New Business**
**A) Discussion only about the issue of wildlife feeding**. Many people enjoy feeding wildlife for the chance to see the animals close up and because they believe that they are helping the animals survive. However, this practice often leads to problems both for the animals and for humans also, causing population imbalances, attracting rats and creating wildlife habituated to humans and dependent on them for food. San Francisco has many areas where wildlife feeding is all too common, including Golden Gate Park (Stow Lake and elsewhere) and Lake Merced. There are laws against these practices but few signs are posted and there is little if any enforcement or education. What can be done to improve this situation and create a culture that understands that this is a harmful practice? Below are the existing laws about feeding animals in San Francisco. Should the laws be amended? Should there be fines for repeated feeding violations? [Discussion only] [Commissioners Hemphill and Gerrie]
Existing Park Code:
**Sec. 5.07. FEEDING ANIMALS PROHIBITED**
*(a)* It shall be unlawful for any person to feed or offer to any animal in any park any substance which would be likely to be harmful to it.
*(b)* It shall be unlawful for any person to feed, or offer food or any substance to any animal in any park which is wild by nature and not customarily domesticated in the City and County of San Francisco. However, the Recreation and Park Commission may authorize the feeding of certain animals or birds in specified areas.

*(c)* It shall be unlawful for any person to feed, or offer food or any substance to any animal in the San Francisco Zoological Gardens without specific authorization from Zoo staff.
Existing Police Code:
**Sec. 486. FEEDING BIRDS AND WILD ANIMALS PROHIBITED**
It shall be unlawful for any person to feed or offer food to any bird or wild animal in or on any sidewalk, street or highway of the City and County of San Francisco. It shall be unlawful to feed or offer food to any Red Masked Parakeet in any park of the City and County of San Francisco.

**B) Discussion and possible action to elect Commission Officers** – Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary. [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Stephens]

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   [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**

5. **New Business**
   **A) Discussion only about the importance of microchipping pets.** Pets with microchips (implants that contain identification information that can be retrieved by use of an external scanner) are much more likely to be returned to the original guardian if lost or stolen. Mary Bollero will tell the story of her dog Little Girl, who went missing for seven years but was reunited with her when a veterinarian scanned the dog's microchip. [Discussion only] [Commissioner Stephens]

6. **Old Business**
   **A) Discussion and possible action to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors requesting enforcement of existing San Francisco laws that prohibit feeding wildlife in parks and on sidewalks and streets.** The issue was previously discussed at our January 10, 2013 meeting. [Discussion and Possible Action] [Commissioner Hemphill]

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   [Discussion/Action Item]

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# San Francisco Commission of Animal Control & Welfare

## MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, April 11, 2013
5:30 PM

Room 408
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Susanna Russo, Annemarie Fortier, Shari O'Neill, DVM, Ryan Young, Sally Stephens
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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the March 14, 2013 Meeting**
[Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**
**A) Upcoming Commissioner Vacancies.** Four Commissioners' terms in office will end in April 2013. Members of the public are invited to apply for positions on the Commission if they are interested.
[Discussion Item]

5. **Old Business**
**A) Feeding of Wildlife.** Discussion and possible action to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that existing laws against feeding wildlife be amended to be more clear and in line with State law. Many people enjoy feeding wildlife for the chance to see the animals close up and because they believe that they are helping the animals survive. However, this practice often leads to problems both for the animals and for humans also, causing population imbalances, attracting rats and creating wildlife habituated to humans and dependent on them for food. SF has laws against these practices but they are routinely ignored. Few signs are posted and there is little if any awareness that feeding is harmful. California Code of Regulations title 14 section 251.1 prohibits *any* feeding of wildlife and defines it as harassment. Should the laws be amended to be more in line with State Law–outlaw any feeding within city limits? Should one code apply to all of SF? Should "wildlife" be defined as in Park Code 5.07 (b) as "not customarily domesticated?" What, if any, animals should be exceptions to a ban on feeding in SF? Backyard birds? One possible revision to code language: Feeding of wildlife prohibited—No person shall intentionally feed or, in any manner, intentionally provide food for one or more non-domesticated mammalian wildlife, including but not limited to coyotes, raccoons, opossum, mice, rats, skunks, squirrels or non-domesticated avian species including but not limited

to ducks, geese, and gulls within the City limits. [Discussion/action item] [Commissioner Gerrie]

**Existing Park Code:**

**Sec. 5.07. FEEDING ANIMALS PROHIBITED**

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*(b)* It shall be unlawful for any person to feed, or offer food or any substance to any animal in any park which is wild by nature and not customarily domesticated in the City and County of San Francisco. However, the Recreation and Park Commission may authorize the feeding of certain animals or birds in specified areas.

*(c)* It shall be unlawful for any person to feed, or offer food or any substance to any animal in the San Francisco Zoological Gardens without specific authorization from Zoo staff.

**Existing Police Code:**

**Sec. 486. FEEDING BIRDS AND WILD ANIMALS PROHIBITED**

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## 6. General Public Comment

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## 7. Items to be put on the Calendar for Future Commission Meetings

[Discussion Item]

## 8. Closing Review of Task Allotments and Next Steps

[Discussion Item]

## 9. Adjournment

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# San Francisco Commission of Animal Control & Welfare

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Thursday, May 9, 2013
5:30 PM

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Susanna Russo, Annemarie Fortier, Shari O'Neill, DVM, Ryan Young, Sally Stephens
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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the April 11, 2013 Meeting**
[Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**
**A) Upcoming Commissioner Vacancies.** Four Commissioners' terms in office ended in April 2013, although they can continue to serve until replaced by the Board of Supervisors. Members of the public are invited to apply for positions on the Commission if they are interested. [Discussion Item]

5. **New Business**
**A) Professional Dog Walker Permits.** Discussion only to hear how the City of San Francisco and SF Animal Care and Control plan to implement legislation passed last year by the Board of Supervisors to regulate commercial dog walkers. The legislation requires that those who walk four or more dogs for compensation must have a commercial dog walker permit, walk no more than 8 dogs at one time, have their vehicles inspected for animal safety, carry dog safety equipment, have a valid SF business license, and supply proof that they carry liability insurance. Commercial dog walkers will be required to have a permit beginning July 1, 2013. Rebecca Katz, Director of SF ACC, will discuss the details of the permit process, and how it will be implemented. [Discussion Only][Commissioner Stephens]

**B) Quarterly Report.** Discussion and possible action to send a Quarterly Report, outlining what the Commission has been discussing and any actions taken in the first quarter of 2013, to the Board of Supervisors, as required by SF Health Code sec 41.3 as part of the Commission's responsibilities. [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Stephens]

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## 7. Items to be put on the Calendar for Future Commission Meetings

[Discussion Item]

## 8. Closing Review of Task Allotments and Next Steps

[Discussion Item]

## 9. Adjournment

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# San Francisco Commission of Animal Control & Welfare

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5:30 PM

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ANIMAL CONTROL AND WELFARE COMMISSION

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The next regular meeting of the Animal Control and Welfare Commission will be held on Thursday, August 8, 2013.

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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the June 13, 2013 Meeting (there was no Commission meeting in July 2013)** [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**
   **A)** Introduction of newly appointed Commissioners [Discussion Item]

5. **Old Business**
   **A)** Update on Joint Zoo Oversight Committee. Continuing a periodic review of what has been discussed at recent Joint Zoo Committee meetings. [Discussion Item] [Commissioner Stephens]

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4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**

5. **New Business**
**A) Great Bull Run SF.** Discussion and possible action to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors urging them not to allow "The Great Bull Run" to take place in San Francisco or anywhere else in the Bay Area. The Great Bull Run LLC plans to bring the experience of the "Running of the Bulls" in Pamplona, Spain to cities in the United States. The events let people run in front of bulls stampeding down a quarter-mile course. They are planning an event in the Bay Area on June 21, 2014 at a location that has not yet been announced. Animal groups, such as the Humane Society of the US, have expressed concerns about the welfare of the bulls in these events as they are moved from city to city, and during the events themselves. [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Tenofsky]

**B) Commission Officers.** Discussion and possible action to elect Commission Officers – Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary. [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Stephens]

6. **General Public Comment**
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## 7. Items to be put on the Calendar for Future Commission Meetings
[Discussion Item]

## 8. Closing Review of Task Allotments and Next Steps
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# San Francisco Commission of Animal Control & Welfare

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## MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, October 17, 2013
5:30 PM

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2. **General Public Comment**
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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the September 19, 2013 Meeting** [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**

5. **New Business**
**A) SFPD Vicious and Dangerous Dog Unit.** Discussion and possible action to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors and the Police Commission reiterating the importance of the SFPD Vicious and Dangerous Dog (VDD) Unit to the community, and urging the SFPD to maintain a properly staffed Unit with a police officer as investigator and either a second police officer or a contracted person as hearing officer. Alternatively, if the Unit is assigned to Animal Care and Control (ACC), it should have a high-level, full-time investigative officer, due to the complex nature of the cases, and either a staff or contracted hearing officer added to ACC's staff. The Vicious and Dangerous Dog Unit hears cases where aggressive dogs have either bitten or threatened people or other animals and determines what measures, if any, are needed to ensure public safety in the future. These measures can range from ordering that a dog be muzzled when in public to euthanasia in the most extreme cases. Because of the Unit 's reputation for fairness in its decisions, dog owners and others in the community see the VDD Unit as a worthwhile and useful tool to deal with problem dogs and dog owners and want to ensure it continues after current personnel retire. [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Stephens]

**B) Professional Dog Walker Permits.** Discussion only to update the Commission on the implementation of legislation that requires professional dog walkers who walk four or more dogs at one time to obtain city permits. The legislation, passed by the Board of Supervisors in 2012, went into effect on July 1, 2013. Representatives from Animal Care and Control and from the Recreation and Park Department's Park

Patrol will be invited to provide updates on how many professional dog walkers have applied, any problems that have occurred in the implementation, and how the permits will be enforced. [Discussion only] [Commissioner Marks]

## 6. General Public Comment

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## 7. Items to be put on the Calendar for Future Commission Meetings

[Discussion Item]

## 8. Closing Review of Task Allotments and Next Steps

[Discussion Item]

## 9. Adjournment

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# San Francisco Commission of Animal Control & Welfare

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

2. **General Public Comment**
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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the October 17, 2013 Meeting** [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**

5. **New Business**
**A) Quarterly Report.** Discussion and possible action to send a Quarterly Report, outlining what the Commission has been discussing and any actions taken in the first quarter of 2013, to the Board of Supervisors, as required by SF Health Code sec 41.3 as part of the Commission's responsibilities. [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Stephens]

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7. **Items to be put on the Calendar for Future Commission Meetings**
[Discussion Item]

8. **Closing Review of Task Allotments and Next Steps**
[Discussion Item]

9. **Adjournment**

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# San Francisco Commission of Animal Control & Welfare

## MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, January 16, 2014
5:30 PM

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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the November 21, 2013 Meeting** [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**

5. **New Business**
**A) Commendation.** The Commission will honor the actions of Gregory Foster and Arturo Pena, and others at Recology who saved a puppy from certain death when they found the dog in a garbage bag on a trash sorting conveyor belt that was the last stop before a 20-foot-fall into landfill waste. Foster noticed a bag that appeared to be moving, and hit the emergency stop for the conveyor belt. Inside he found the 3-month-old puppy, frightened and injured but alive. Pena cleaned the dog's wounds, wrapped her in a blanket, and stayed with her, comforting her until help arrived. Without their actions, the puppy, now named Gem, would certainly have died. Now, she is thriving in a foster home. [Discussion only] [Commissioners Stephens, Jameson, and Katz]

6. **Old Business**
**A) Quarterly Report.** Discussion and possible action to send a Quarterly Report, outlining what the Commission has been discussing and any actions taken in the final half of 2013, to the Board of Supervisors, as required by SF Health Code sec 41.3 as part of the Commission's responsibilities. This corrects incorrect wording of the agenda item in the November 2013 Commission meeting agenda. [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Stephens]

7. **General Public Comment**
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## 8. Items to be put on the Calendar for Future Commission Meetings
[Discussion Item]

## 9. Closing Review of Task Allotments and Next Steps
[Discussion Item]

## 10. Adjournment

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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the February 20, 2014 Meeting** [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**

5. **Old Business**
**A) SFPD Vicious and Dangerous Dog Unit.** Discussion only to update the Commission on the status of the Vicious and Dangerous Dog Unit in light of the upcoming retirement of the current Officer in the unit. [Discussion only] [Commissioner Stephens]

6. **New Business**
**A) Support for AB2140, the California Orca Welfare and Safety Act.** Discussion and possible action to send a letter to the SF Board of Supervisors asking them to support California State Assemblymember Richard Bloom's (D-Santa Monica) bill AB2140, the California Captive Orca Welfare and Safety Act. The Act would end performance-based entertainment for all orcas in the state, end captive breeding programs, end the import and export of orcas, and would require all currently captive orcas to be retired to sea pens. Orcas are intelligent, highly social animals, and should not spend their lives in small, concrete tanks, performing for humans' entertainment. [Discussion/Action Item][Commissioner Tenofsky]

**B) Support for the Right of Safe Passage for Whales and Dolphins in the Waters near San Francisco.** Discussion and possible action to send a letter to the SF Board of Supervisors encouraging them to support the free and safe passage of all whales and dolphins in our coastal waters, the San Francisco Bay and its estuaries, and to encourage citizens to do all within their power to protect them and preserve their natural environment. [Discussion/Action Item][Commissioner Tenofsky]

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[Discussion Item]

## 9. Closing Review of Task Allotments and Next Steps

[Discussion Item]

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# San Francisco Commission of Animal Control & Welfare

## AMENDED MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, March 20, 2014
5:30 PM

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San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Susanna Russo, Annemarie Fortier, Shari O'Neill, DVM, Jennifer Mieuli Jameson, Sally Stephens
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2. **General Public Comment**
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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the February 20, 2014 Meeting** [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**

5. **Old Business**
   **A) SFPD Vicious and Dangerous Dog Unit.** Discussion only to update the Commission on the status of the Vicious and Dangerous Dog Unit in light of the upcoming retirement of the current Officer in the unit. [Discussion only] [Commissioner Stephens]

6. **New Business**
   **A) Support for AB2140, the California Orca Welfare and Safety Act.** Discussion and possible action to send a letter to the SF Board of Supervisors asking them to support California State Assemblymember Richard Bloom's (D-Santa Monica) bill AB2140, the California Captive Orca Welfare and Safety Act. The Act would end performance-based entertainment for all orcas in the state, end captive breeding programs, end the import and export of orcas, and would require all currently captive orcas to be retired to sea pens. Orcas are intelligent, highly social animals, and should not spend their lives in small, concrete tanks, performing for humans' entertainment. [Discussion/Action Item][Commissioner Tenofsky]

   **B) Support for the Right of Safe Passage for Whales and Dolphins in the Waters near San Francisco.** Discussion and possible action to send a letter to the SF Board of Supervisors encouraging them to support the free and safe passage of all whales and dolphins in our coastal waters, the San Francisco Bay and its estuaries, and to encourage citizens to do all within their power to protect them and preserve their

natural environment. [Discussion/Action Item][Commissioner Tenofsky]

**C) Commendation.** The Commission will honor the actions of the San Francisco firefighters who went into adjacent buildings and rescued six dogs during the five-alarm Mission Bay fire on March 11, 2014. [Discussion only][Commissioners Katz and Stephens]

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4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**
**A) Remembrance of Virginia Handley**

**B) Update on Commission Vacancies and Appointments to the Commission**

5. **New Business**
**A) Coyotes.** Discussion only to remind Commissioners and the public about how to be "coyote aware" in City parks, especially as the "pupping" season begins. Rob Ruiz, Chief of Marin County Parks will give a presentation about normal coyote behavior, what you should do if you encounter a coyote, and things to be especially careful of during "pupping season." [Discussion Only] [Commissioner Stephens]

**B) Animal Care and Control Budget.** Discussion and possible action to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor urging them to adequately fund Animal Care and Control. A hearing last year before the Board of Supervisors pointed out that ACC is chronically underfunded and understaffed. ACC's budget will be addressed at a Budget Hearing on April 30, 2014. [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Stephens]

6. **Old Business**
**A) SFPD Vicious and Dangerous Dog Unit.** Discussion and possible action to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, the City Administrator, the Police Commission and the Police Chief urging them to appoint a part-time contract person to serve as Hearing Officer for Vicious and Dangerous Dog hearings. The same person cannot act as investigator for the Unit and as the hearing officer. The Hearing Officer must have

specific qualifications, including experience dealing with vicious and dangerous dogs, especially in a legal context, understanding of dog behavior, and good "people skills" to deal with problem dog owners and upset victims. Not just anyone can hold this job and have the support of the community. The Hearing Officer should also make presentations during all police training about how to deal with dogs during routine and emergency police situations. [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Stephens]

**B) Support for the Right of Safe Passage for Whales and Dolphins in the Waters near San Francisco.** Continuation of last month's discussion and possible action to send a letter to the SF Board of Supervisors encouraging them to support the free and safe passage of all whales and dolphins in our coastal waters, the San Francisco Bay and its estuaries, and to encourage citizens to do all within their power to protect them and preserve their natural environment. [Discussion/Action Item][Commissioner Tenofsky]

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# SAN FRANCISCO COMMISSION OF ANIMAL CONTROL & WELFARE

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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the April 17, 2014 Meeting** [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**
**A) Update on Commission Vacancies and Appointments to the Commission**

**B) "Thank You" to retiring SFPD Officer John Denny for his tireless work on the Vicious and Dangerous Dog Unit.**

5. **New Business**
**A) SF Police Department's Shooting of Pit Bulls.** Discussion and possible action to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors, Police Chief Greg Suhr, and the Police Commission asking them to address a recent increase in police shootings and killings of pit bull dogs. Three dogs have been shot by SFPD police officers and died since January. The Commission would like to ensure that deadly force is used when necessary, but not based on stereotypes about pit bull dogs. We will discuss what more can be done, if anything, to educate officers about dog behavior and about pit bulls in general, to prevent the use of deadly force when it might not be warranted. [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Stephens]

6. **Old Business**
**A) Update on Animal Care and Control's Budget and Vicious and Dangerous Dog Unit** [Discussion only] [Commissioner Stephens]

7. **General Public Comment**
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4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**
   **A) Welcome to New Commissioners – Nanci Haines and Davi Lang**

   **B) Remembering Commissioner Jennifer Mieuli Jameson**

5. **New Business**
   **A) Update from the SF SPCA.** Dr. Jennifer Scarlett, Co-President of the SF/SPCA will present a review of animal welfare in San Francisco and recent happenings at the SF/SPCA. [Discussion only] [Commissioner Stephens]

6. **Old Business**
   **A) Update on Animal Care and Control's Budget** [Discussion only] [Commissioner Stephens]

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4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**

5. **New Business**
   **A) Animal Control and Welfare Commission and Social Media** Discussion of whether the Commission can or should have a presence in social media, what that presence should be, and who should do it. There may be a decision on whether to proceed with creating a social media presence for the Commission. [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Lang]

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   **A) Update on Animal Care and Control's Budget** [Discussion only] [Commissioner Stephens]

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# San Francisco Commission of Animal Control & Welfare

## MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, August 21, 2014
5:30 PM
Room 408
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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

2. **General Public Comment**
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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the July 17, 2014 Meeting** [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**
   **A) Update on Commission Vacancy and Appointment to the Commission**

5. **New Business**
   **A) Changes at Animal Care and Control.** The head of Animal Care and Control was recently removed. The City Administrator will soon start a search for a permanent replacement. The Commission will discuss and hear from the community what they think are important qualities/experiences for a new Director. In addition, the change in ACC Director provides an opportunity for the Commission and the community to begin a broader discussion about ACC's goals, priorities, and programs, both current and for the future. [Discussion only][Commissioner Stephens]

   **B) Mandatory Spay/Neuter for Dogs in San Francisco.** Commissioner Lang will present results from her Masters Thesis that looked at impacts of mandatory spay/neuter laws in other communities on shelter intake and euthanasia rates. Her thesis argued that San Francisco should implement a mandatory spay/neuter ordinance for all dogs over 6 months old. Lang will discuss next steps in her research. [Discussion only][Commissioner Lang]

6. **Old Business**
   **A) Update on Vicious and Dangerous Dog Unit Hearing Officer.** Discussion of effects of changes at Animal Care and Control on the search for and hiring of a new Hearing Officer for the Vicious and Dangerous Dog unit. [Discussion only] [Commissioner Stephens]

7. **General Public Comment**
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**8. Items to be put on the Calendar for Future Commission Meetings**
[Discussion Item]

**9. Closing Review of Task Allotments and Next Steps**
[Discussion Item]

**10. Adjournment**

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# San Francisco Commission of Animal Control & Welfare

## MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, September 18, 2014
5:30 PM
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2. **General Public Comment**
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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the August 22, 2014 Meeting** [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**
   **A) Update on Commission Vacancy and Appointment to the Commission**

5. **Commissioners' Reports**

6. **Old Business**
   **A) Search for New Director at SF Animal Care and Control.** Update on what is happening with the search for a new Director of SF Animal Care and Control. [Discussion only][Commissioner Stephens]

   **B) Update on Vicious and Dangerous Dog Unit Hearing Officer.** Update on the hiring of a new Hearing Officer for the Vicious and Dangerous Dog unit. [Discussion only] [Commissioner Stephens]

7. **General Public Comment**
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8. **Items to be put on the Calendar for Future Commission Meetings**
   [Discussion Item]

9. **Closing Review of Task Allotments and Next Steps**
   [Discussion Item]

## 10. Adjournment

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# SAN FRANCISCO COMMISSION OF ANIMAL CONTROL & WELFARE

## MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, October 16, 2014
5:30 PM
Room 408
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
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2. **General Public Comment**
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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the September 18, 2014 Meeting** [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**

5. **Commissioners' Reports**

6. **Old Business**
   **A) Vision/Goals for SF Animal Care and Control.** The Commission will continue its discussion of potential goals/visions for SF Animal Care and Control. What are the most important priorities for the agency? Where should the agency be in 5 years? 10 years? How can it get there? What programs are needed? [Discussion only] [Commissioners Johnson and Stephens]

7. **General Public Comment**
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8. **Items to be put on the Calendar for Future Commission Meetings**
   [Discussion Item]

9. **Closing Review of Task Allotments and Next Steps**
   [Discussion Item]

10. **Adjournment**

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**Commission of Animal Control & Welfare**

November 20, 2014

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**MEETING AGENDA**
Thursday, November 20, 2014
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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the October 16, 2014 Meeting** [Discussion/Action Item]
4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**
5. **Commissioners' Reports**
6. **New Business**
   **A) The Death of a Baby Gorilla at the SF Zoo.** Discussion of what happened when a baby gorilla at the SF Zoo was killed by a closing door, and what is being done to prevent anything similar from happening again. [Discussion only] [Commissioners O'Neill, Fortier, and Stephens]
7. **Old Business**
   **A) Update on Hearing Officer for the Vicious and Dangerous Dog Unit.** [Discussion only][Commissioner Stephens]

   **B) The Search for a New Director of Animal Care and Control.** Discussion and possible action to send a letter to the City Administrator Naomi Kelly outlining important qualities and qualifications that should be considered in the search for an effective new Director of SF Animal Care and Control. [Discussion/Action Item][Commissioner Stephens]

   **C) Commission Presence on Social Media.** An update on whether and how the Commission can have a presence on social media. [Discussion only] [Commissioner Haines]
8. **General Public Comment**
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9. **Items to be put on the Calendar for Future Commission Meetings**
   [Discussion Item]
10. **Closing Review of Task Allotments and Next Steps**

[Discussion Item]

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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the November 20, 2014 Meeting** [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**

5. **Commissioners' Reports**

6. **New Business**
**A) Sale of Ivory in San Francisco and Poaching of Wild Elephants.** Recent investigations have revealed that California ranks second in the nation for sales of ivory, with San Francisco and Los Angeles leading the way. Wild elephants are being slaughtered in the wild solely for their tusks to supply this market. The Commission will discuss what can be done to stem the tide of ivory sales and educate people about the slaughter of elephants for their ivory tusks. The Commission will also discuss what can be done in San Francisco to end the sale and importation of ivory. [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Tenofsky]

7. **Old Business**
**A) Commission Presence on Social Media.** Continuation of discussion of what kind of presence the Commission should have on social media. [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Haines]

**B) Sam Francisco Zoo Update.** A representative from the Zoo will update the Commission on recent changes at the Zoo including in the gorilla enclosure, [Discussion Only] [Commissioner Stephens}

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**9. Items to be put on the Calendar for Future Commission Meetings**
[Discussion Item]

**10. Closing Review of Task Allotments and Next Steps**
[Discussion Item]

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# San Francisco Commission of Animal Control & Welfare

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Thursday, February 19, 2015
5:30 PM
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Annemarie Fortier, Nanci Haines, Davi Lang, Sally Stephens
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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the January 15, 2015 Meeting** [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**
**A) Update on Commission Vacancies and Appointments to the Commission.**

5. **Commissioners' Reports**

6. **Old Business**
**A) Update on Sale of Ivory in San Francisco and Poaching of Wild Elephants.** Update on Sup. Wiener's resolution at the SF Board of Supervisors to support AB 96, the bill currently being considered in Sacramento for strict enforcement of the ban on the sale of ivory in California. [Commissioner Stephens]

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8. **Items to be put on the Calendar for Future Commission Meetings**
[Discussion Item]

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5. **Commissioners' Reports**

6. **New Business**
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NOTE: Item 6c has been added. Also the name of the cat in Item 6a has been corrected.

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**C) Introduction of New Director of Animal Care and Control.** The appointment of Virginia Donohue to be the new Director of Animal Care and Control was announced last month and she has been on the job since the beginning of this month. She will introduce herself to Commissioners and to the public. [Discussion only] [Commissioner Stephens]

**7. General Public Comment**
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[Discussion Item]

**9. Closing Review of Task Allotments and Next Steps**
[Discussion Item]

**10. Adjournment**

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4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**
   **A) Update on Commission Vacancies and Appointments to the Commission.**

5. **Commissioners' Reports**

6. **New Business**
   **A) Quarterly Report.** Discussion and possible action to send a Quarterly Report, outlining what the Commission has been discussing and any actions taken in 2014, to the Board of Supervisors, as required by SF Health Code sec 41.3 as part of the Commission's responsibilities. [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Stephens]

   **B) Commission Officers.** Discussion and possible action to elect Commission Officers – Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary. In addition, a representative of the Commission to the Joint Zoo Oversight Committee will also be elected. [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Stephens]

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THE ANIMAL CONTROL AND WELFARE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULED FOR

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2015

AT 5:30 PM IN CITY HALL ROOM 408

HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO THE LACK OF A QUORUM

THE NEXT COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE ON THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2015

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REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULED FOR

THURSDAY, THURSDAY, JUNE 18 2015

AT 5:30 PM IN CITY HALL ROOM 408

HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO THE LACK OF A QUORUM

THE NEXT COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE ON
THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2015

AT 5:30 PM IN CITY HALL ROOM 408

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# San Francisco Commission of Animal Control & Welfare

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## MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, July 16, 2015
5:30 PM
Room 408
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Annemarie Fortier; Nanci Haines; Julene Johnson; Davi Lang; Russell Tenofsky; Jane Tobin; Lisa Wayne; Shari O'Neill, DVM; Virginia Donohue; Sergeant Sherry Hicks

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2. **General Public Comment**
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3. **Approval of Draft Minutes from the April 16, 2015 Meeting** [Discussion/Action Item]

4. **Chairperson's report and opening remarks**

5. **New Business**
**A) Update from Animal Care and Control.** ACC Director Virginia Donohue will give an update on fiscal year's statistics. (July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015) [Discussion only] [Commissioner Johnson]

6. **Old Business**
**A) Welcome to new Commissioner.** [Discussion only]

**B) Commission Officers.** Continued discussion and election of Commission Officers - Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary. Additionally, a representative of the Commission to the Joint Zoo Oversight Committee will be elected. [Discussion/Action Item] [Commissioner Fortier]

7. **General Public Comment**
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8. **Items to be put on the Calendar for Future Commission Meetings**
[Discussion Item]

9. **Closing Review of Task Allotments and Next Steps**
[Discussion Item]

10. **Adjournment**

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5. **Commissioner's reports** [Discussion]

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